

27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

Deputy Pádraig O’Sullivan,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 1165/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the child and adolescent mental health services waiting list in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy O’Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

CAMHS services are designed for children and adolescents presenting with moderate to severe mental health disorders. All referrals received to CAMHS services are triaged in a timely manner and the referral is either accepted or rejected at that point. Referrals accepted are wait listed in order of clinical priority and wait lists vary across each sector based community team. Routine Referrals are waitlisted as is the standard procedure and urgent referrals are responded to within 7 days in line with national KPI’s.

There are a total of ten sector based community mental health teams in Cork and Kerry, supported by Eist Linn, Child and Adolescent Inpatient Unit.

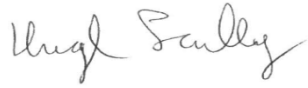
The below table shows the total number on the waiting list across these teams as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

Name of Team	Dec 21
South Lee 1	91
South Lee 2	39
South Lee 3	134
South Lee West Cork	36
South Kerry	34
North Kerry	47
North Lee East	48
North Lee West	67
North Cork	179
North Lee North	47
<b>Total CHO</b>	<b>722</b>

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare continues to take a proactive approach with a focus on reducing CAMHS waiting times. We are committed to continuing our efforts to ensure that better access to a safe and effective service is delivered

I trust this clarifies the query raised.

Kind Regards,



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