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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting psychiatric appointments in each hospital in the State; if he will provide a breakdown on the number who have been waiting over three months for an assessment; the number waiting over six months; the number waiting over one year; and the number waiting over two years in tabular form - Peadar Tóibín**

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Dear Deputy Peadar Tóibín,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Upon seeking clarity from Deputy Tóibín's office on 07/07/2022, the advice given to the HSE was "we are not seeking data on CAMHS just on each acute hospital / each paediatric unit/ each adult unit", therefore the response to this Parliamentary Question is provided on that basis.

In relation to children in paediatric units, information is not routinely collected by the Mental Health Division in relation to wait times. Children are usually seen by Liaison/CAMHS or CAMHS Inpatient unit staff/consultants who carry out in-reach assessment. It can often be the case that after assessment, the clinical opinion is that the child does not reach the threshold for admission to a CAMHS Inpatient Unit, and the referrer will be advised of the most appropriate care pathway for the child, for example, Community CAMHS teams.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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