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Mr. Robert Troy TD,
Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise,
Trade and Employment,
Leinster House,
Kildare St,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question - 36610/22

Dear Minister Troy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond in the context of your recent Parliamentary Question outlined below.

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently awaiting an appointment with a psychologist in adult mental health services in counties Longford and Westmeath; and the average wait times of these patients".

The following outlines the response to the matters raised in your question.

The psychology service within the Adult Mental Health Service in Longford/Westmeath provides comprehensive psychological assessment and intervention services for adults attending the Adult Mental Health Service. Every effort is made to provide timely appointments for all people in the service who require them.

At present, there are 17 adults on the waiting list for psychology appointments in the Adult Mental Health Services across Longford/Westmeath. The expected waiting time for a psychology appointment for these adults is between 8 and 16 weeks. It is important to note that if adults on the psychology waiting list require more urgent support they may be seen sooner by other members of the team, as deemed appropriate and in line with best clinical practices.

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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