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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who were referred to CAMHS; the number of referrals that were accepted; the reason that referrals were not accepted per CHO area in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

The table below provides information on the number of referrals made to CAMHS services and the number of referrals that were accepted in each CHO from 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022.

CHO	2019			2020			2021			YTD May 2022		
	Received	Accepted	% Accepted	Received	Accepted	% Accepted	Received	Accepted	% Accepted	Received	Accepted	% Accepted
CHO 1	1,478	1,095	74%	1,366	1,109	81%	1,739	1,309	75%	800	583	73%
CHO 2	1,867	1,257	67%	1,663	1,138	68%	1,999	1,412	71%	822	548	67%
CHO 3	1,856	1,391	75%	1,699	1,292	76%	1,876	1,419	76%	849	555	65%
CHO 4	2,395	1,520	63%	2,317	1,625	70%	2,555	1,512	59%	1,203	572	48%
CHO 5	2,194	1,393	63%	1,863	1,179	63%	2,331	1,324	57%	867	440	51%
CHO 6	2,018	1,641	81%	1,875	1,492	80%	2,603	1,864	72%	1,181	824	70%
CHO 7	2,215	1,642	74%	2,370	1,745	74%	4,153	2,986	72%	1,606	1,163	72%
CHO 8	3,206	2,294	72%	2,913	2,098	72%	3,746	2,483	66%	1,764	1,086	62%
CHO 9	1,602	957	60%	1,370	853	62%	2,123	1,184	56%	875	404	46%
National Total	18,831	13,190	70%	17,436	12,531	72%	23,125	15,493	67%	9,967	6,175	62%



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The HSE does not routinely collate information on the reasons why individual referrals are not accepted, therefore this data is not captured nationally.

The CAMHS Operation Guidelines (COG) 2019 outlines the referral criteria and exclusion criteria for children and adolescents who are referred to CAMHS service. Where a referral, upon examination, is deemed unsuitable for CAMHS, the referrals are signposted by CAMHS services to the most appropriate service in each particular case, and the referrer is advised of same.

Further information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/camhs/operational-guideline/>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker'.

Tony Mc Cusker
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