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Deputy Steven Matthews,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 14116/22 – To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied); the measures he is implementing to reduce waiting lists and times to access primary care psychology services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Steven Matthews

Dear Deputy Matthews,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 14116/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

There are 664 children and young people (under 18 years of age) who are waiting 3 months or longer to access primary care psychology services in County Wicklow and Kildare West Wicklow area. The latest available data is at January 2022.

In consideration of the children and young people waiting over 12 months to access Primary Care psychology services, Primary Care Operations and the Department of Health had provided additional funding to decrease the numbers of children and young people waiting over 12 months to access psychology services in 2021. This initiative is continuing for 2022.

Since the commencement of these additional measures, significant progress has been made to ensure the children and younger people who have been waiting the longest are seen.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Seán McArt
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