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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for an assessment and therapies from CAMHS; the average length of time waiting; the number of therapists available; the number of positions vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mattie McGrath

Dear Deputy McGrath,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Please see below the overall community CAMHS waiting List at end of January 2022 per CHO (Data is not captured by individual disciplines.)

Jan-22	Total	<= 12 weeks No.	> 12 <= 26 weeks No	>26 <=39 weeks No	>39 <=52 Weeks No	>52 Weeks No
National Total	2,949	1,339	698	433	241	238
CHO 1	283	158	55	48	17	5
CHO 2	123	64	53	6	0	0
CHO 3	376	128	55	67	31	95
CHO 4	637	169	160	111	87	110
CHO 5	283	99	63	64	44	13
CHO 6	524	347	123	42	11	1
CHO 7	101	77	16	8	0	0
CHO 8	291	187	71	25	7	1
CHO 9	331	110	102	62	44	13

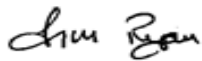
Please see below the number of Therapy grades across community CAMHS.

	Occupational Therapist	Other Therapist	Speech & Language Therapist
CHO 1	5.9	0.0	4.3
CHO 2	4.5	2.7	4.2
CHO 3	5.0	0.0	5.0
CHO 4	5.7	0.4	9.8
CHO 5	5.4	0.1	3.7
CHO 6	5.9	0.6	7.5
CHO 7	7.5	0.8	7.4
CHO 8	9.2	3.3	3.4
CHO 9	8.9	0.0	11.3
National	58.0	7.9	56.6

Data collection systems are not currently configured to report on vacant posts as a post that is designated as vacant posts may be filled at a particular point in time by any combination of agency/overtime/locum staff. In regard to vacancy information, we do not hold concurrent data on vacancies, primarily due to the dynamic nature of our services and changing data therein coupled with the fact we do not have a fully integrated IT system to determine and report on agreed staffing establishments and positional management at the lowest level (i.e. grade level). Staff turnover also impacts on the number of staff in place at any one time (this can be for a range of reasons such as simply moving to a new location but still within the sector, retirements, resignations or employee preferences), also impacting the precise numbers for any one time.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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