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Deputy Alan Farrell, TD  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ ref 16949/22 :- To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for CAMHS in the Fingal area; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Alan Farrell**

Dear Deputy Farrell,

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

There are currently 238 young people on waiting lists for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) in the Fingal area.

The extenuating and adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic has seen a significant rise in urgent referrals and levels of presenting acuity to CAMHS teams based in the Fingal Area.

Funding for five additional clinical frontline service development posts for 2022 has been approved for the CAMHS Fingal area. These new Social Work, Clinical Nurse Specialist and Occupational Therapy posts are at recruitment stage and will focus on reduction of waiting lists in North County Dublin and Blanchardstown districts.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

**Angela Walsh**  
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