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Deputy Seán Haughey.
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

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PQ Number: 24802/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for appointments for general adult mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Seán Haughey

Dear Deputy Haughey,

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.

There are no waiting lists' for General Adult Mental Health Services and Psychiatry of Later Life as the vast majority of new/re-referred cases are offered an appointment within 12 weeks with the remainder normally offered an appointment shortly afterwards.

Year to Date (YTD) data for March 2022, indicates that 88.2% of referred patients in Community Adult Mental Health services were offered an appointment within 12 weeks against a target of $\geq 90\%$ with the remainder offered an appointment shortly afterwards.

YTD March 2022, indicates that 94.4% of patients referred to Psychiatry of Old Age services were offered an appointment within 12 weeks against a target of $\geq 98\%$ with the remainder offered an appointment shortly thereafter.

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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