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9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Re:** PQ 27088/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adolescent on waiting lists for Linn Dara, CAMHS; and the average waiting times.

Dear Deputy Ward,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question that you submitted to the Minister for Health, the Minister has requested that the HSE respond directly to you on this matter. I have examined the question raised and the following outlines the position.

Waiting Lists & Times for Community CAMHS Teams

<b>Regional</b>	<b>Eating Disorder Team</b>
Total number on waiting lists currently.	36
Less than 1 month.	
Between one month and 3 months.	19
Between 3 months and 6 months.	17
Between 3 months and 9 months.	0
Between 9 months and 1 year.	0
Greater than 1 year.	0

<b>Community CAMHS</b>	West Kildare	South Kildare	South Kildare W/W	East Kildare WW	North Kildare	Clondalkin	Lucan	Ballyfermot	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total number on waiting lists currently.</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>268</b>
Less than 1 month.	2	0	5	2	1	17	14	13	<b>54</b>
Between one month and 3 months.	5	3	11	4	4	16	14	17	<b>74</b>
Between 3 months and 6 months.	13	0	2	6	3	21	0	22	<b>67</b>
Between 3 months and 9 months.	13	3	2	6	0	2	0	0	<b>26</b>
Between 9 months and 1 year.	0	4	2	2	0	0	20	0	<b>28</b>
Greater than 1 year.	0	0	1	13	0	0	5	0	<b>19</b>



There has been a 30% increase in referrals over the last 18 months. In response to the increased demand and complexity of cases referred the priority is to build capacity of CAMHS teams to respond through:

- Bringing additional development posts on stream to enhance teams.
- Optimising care and treatment of children and adolescents with ADHD through the roll out of ADHD clinics on each team with dedicated staff input thereby increasing overall capacity on each team.
- Working with colleagues in Primary Care and Network Disability services to ensure that care is better coordinated for children with complex needs.
- Planned development of Adult ADHD services to facilitate continuing care for this patient cohort.
- Funding approved through the HSE Waitlist initiative for additional consultant sessions focussing on seeing children on the waiting list the longest period of time. This is dependent on being able to source consultant sessions.
- Working with each team to identify factors to enhance full service availability.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you require further details please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Brady".

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Kevin Brady, Head of Service Mental Health.

HSE Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow Community Healthcare