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**Deputy Marian Harkin
Leinster House
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RE: RE: PQ 57378/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number on the waiting lists to access CAMHS in counties Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal and Roscommon in each of the years 2015 to 2021, in tabular form; and the waiting times involved to access these appointments.

Dear Deputy Harkin

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the above. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Question, I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position for Donegal Mental Health Service and Sligo Leitrim Mental Health Service.

The HSE Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) provide mental health services to Children up to the age of 18 years, who have moderate to severe mental health disorders that require the input of a Multi-Disciplinary Team (as per CAMHS Operational Guideline 2nd ed. June 2019).

Sligo Leitrim have established their own local CAMHS Service Quality Improvement Group, chaired by the ECD, where waiting lists are revised. Donegal CAMHS are in this process of setting up a Quality Improvement Group with the first meeting on 21st December 2022. This group will also review waiting lists.

Service improvements have been achieved throughout 2021 and 2022 with the overall waiting list for children and adolescents waiting for an initial assessment reducing significantly. Work is on-going in sustaining and improving service delivery and a CHO1 submission was submitted in December 2021 to the national CAMHS wait list initiative fund, to support the further reduction in waiting list numbers which resulted in 3 out of the 9 CHO's receiving approval to proceed with their proposals.



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The table below reflects waiting time from years 2015 – 2021 for Sligo Leitrim Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service;

Sligo Leitrim Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services						
Year	Waiting Time	Total Waitin		Year	Waiting Time	Total Waiting
2015	0>3 Months	30		2016	0>3 Months	38
	3>6 Months	20			3>6 Months	40
	6>9 Months	23			6>9 Months	42
	9> 12 Months	23			9> 12 Months	40
	12 Months+	12			12 Months+	80
		108				240
Year	Waiting Time	Total Waitin		Year	Waiting Time	Total Waiting
2017	0>3 Months	35		2018	0>3 Months	71
	3>6 Months	1			3>6 Months	3
	6>9 Months	0			6>9 Months	0
	9> 12 Months	0			9> 12 Months	0
	12 Months+	0			12 Months+	0
		36				74
Year	Waiting Time	Total Waiting		Year	Waiting Time	Total Waiting
2019	0>3 Months	60		2020	0>3 Months	122
	3>6 Months	26			3>6 Months	23
	6>9 Months	21			6>9 Months	11
	9> 12 Months	0			9> 12 Months	19
	12 Months+	0			12 Months+	22
		107				197
Year	Waiting Time	Total Waiting				
2021	0>3 Months	66				
	3>6 Months	21				
	6>9 Months	31				
	9> 12 Months	3				
	12 Months+	0				
		121				



The table below reflects waiting time from years 2015 – 2021 for Donegal Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service:

Donegal Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services					
Year	Waiting Time	Total Waiting	Year	Waiting Time	Total Waiting
2015	0>3 Months	65	2016	0>3 Months	57
	3>6 Months	36		3>6 Months	21
	6>9 Months	21		6>9 Months	20
	9> 12 Months	45		9> 12 Months	17
	12 Months+	2		12 Months+	12
	169		127		
Year	Waiting Time	Total Waiting	Year	Waiting Time	Total Waiting
2017	0>3 Months	68	2018	0>3 Months	64
	3>6 Months	27		3>6 Months	35
	6>9 Months	18		6>9 Months	32
	9> 12 Months	10		9> 12 Months	21
	12>15 Months	8		12>15 Months	10
>15 Months	2	>15 Months	3		
	133		165		
Year	Waiting Time	Total Waiting	Year	Waiting Time	Total Waiting
2019	0>3 Months	83	2020	0>3 Months	66
	3>6 Months	28		3>6 Months	29
	6>9 Months	24		6>9 Months	6
	9> 12 Months	22		9> 12 Months	14
	12>15 Months	25		12>15 Months	18
>15 Months	14	>15 Months	16		
	196		149		
Year	Waiting Time	Total Waiting			
2021	0>3 Months	89			
	3>6 Months	31			
	6>9 Months	9			
	9> 12 Months	0			
	12>15 Months	0			
>15 Months	0				
	129				

This response only includes Sligo Leitrim Donegal CAMHS MHS as I am unable to provide figures for Roscommon as this is not under the remit of CH CDLMS [Community Health Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan and Sligo].



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I trust this information is of assistance to you, if you have any further queries on this matter please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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