

South East Community Healthcare, Mental Health Services, St. Canice's Hospital Complex, Kilkenny R95P231

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Ms Verona Murphy T.D. Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

PQ 48650/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for a first appointment with CAMHS services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed this matter and the following is the position:

CAMHS Team	No. Waiting on First Appointment
North Wexford CAMHS	94
South Wexford CAMHS	9

All CAMHS referrals are assessed and triaged and placed on a waiting list depending on the current and emerging clinical need as assessed by a CAMHS Consultant Psychiatrist and appointments are offered on a priority basis further to the clinical assessment and available resources.

An NCHD has recently been appointed to the vacant post in the North Wexford CAMHS team and the team are currently working through their waiting list where there is an estimated waiting time of up to 24 weeks.

I trust that this clarifies. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

Anne Donaghey

Head of Mental Health Services South East Community Healthcare