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PQ 50226/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are waiting on a CAMHS appointment in CHO DNCC; and if he will make a statement on the matter– **Alan Farrell TD**

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.

The latest available data show that there are currently 269 young people on waiting lists for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) in CHO DNCC. The waiting list is broken down as follows:

Team	Waiting 0 – 3 months	Waiting 3 – 6 months	Waiting 6 – 9 months	Waiting 9 – 12 months
Blanchardstown	17	4	0	0
Castleknock	7	12	7	1
North Inner City	4	8	6	3
Ballymun	12	16	6	4
North East City	12	0	0	0
Swords	17	30	26	16
Balbriggan	5	17	11	18
Darndale	3	4	2	1

As part of a National Waiting List Initiative for 2022, CAMHS continue to address the number of children waiting appointments. As of 11th October 2022, there were no children waiting for more than 12 months for an appointment. An additional Clinical Psychologist and 1.5 Consultant Psychiatrists are working as part of the Initiative to see and treat CAMHS service users. CAMHS have made significant progress in the reduction of waiting lists in 2022.

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,

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