



22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

**Denis Naughten T.D.**  
**Leinster House**  
**Kildare Street**  
**Dublin 2**

PQ ref: 44568/22

*\*To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list to see a psychologist in each community mental health area in counties Roscommon, Mayo and Galway; the average waiting time to access a psychologist in each area; the steps that are being taken to address the current delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter\**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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;

Sector	Number of Service Users on Waiting List	Average Waiting Time
<b>Community Mental Health Teams</b>		
Galway GR1 - Adult Mental Health	24	40 weeks
Galway GR2 - Adult Mental Health	42	36 weeks
Galway GR 3 Adult Mental Health+A5	Not Available	Not Available *
Galway GR4 South Adult Mental Health	52	40 weeks
Galway GR4 North Adult Mental Health	11	22 weeks
Galway GR5 South Adult Mental Health	90	120 weeks
Galway GR5 North Adult Mental Health	70	72 weeks
Roscommon GR6 East Adult Mental Health	10	20 weeks

Roscommon GR6 West Adult Mental Health	19	70 weeks
Mayo Sector 1 Adult Mental Health	22	3 weeks
Mayo Sector 2 Adult Mental Health	0	3 weeks
Mayo Sector 3 East Adult Mental Health	5	12 weeks
Mayo Sector 3 West Adult Mental Health	14	12 weeks
Mayo Sector 4 Adult Mental Health	19	16 weeks
Mayo Sector 5 Adult Mental Health	0	0 weeks

<b>Psychiatry of Later Life Teams+A4</b>		
Galway POLL1 Psychiatry of Later Life	12	4-6 weeks
Galway POLL2 Psychiatry of Later Life	11	8 weeks
Roscommon POLL3 Psychiatry of Later Life	3	4-6 weeks
Mayo Psychiatry of Later Life North	0	0 weeks
Mayo Psychiatry of Later Life South	0	0 weeks
<b>Mental Health of Intellectual Disability Teams</b>		
Mayo Mental Health of Intellectual Disability	0	1 week
Galway Mental Health of Intellectual Disability	0	0 weeks

<b>CAMHS</b>		
CAMHS West Galway	4	5 weeks
CAMHS North Galway	28	24 weeks
CAMHS South Galway	5	20 weeks
CAMHS North Mayo	7	12 weeks
CAMHS South Mayo	1	4 weeks
CAMHS Roscommon	Not Available	Not Available *
CAMHS ID Galway	0	0 weeks
CAMHS ID Mayo	0	0 weeks

*\*Psychology post in this area currently vacant*

The following steps are being taken to address the current delays within the psychology services in Mental Health including:

- On-going recruitment to backfill vacant posts through national panels and agency recruitment
- A recent proposal to Minister for Waiting List Initiative funding for Psychology in Mental Health
- Requests included as part of the Estimates process for new development funding from 2023 Programme for Government monies for increased psychology posts and Principal Specialist for Adult Mental Health
- Proposals for Psychology Assistants for the mental health service have been submitted as part of the Estimates process referred to above
- Models of Group Working and Layered Care have been established to increase access to Psychology across the region

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,




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