

07th October 2022

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

PQ ref: 47140/22

** To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list to access CAMHS in counties Galway and Roscommon, respectively; the number of children directly engaged with each service; his plans to expand both services; his plans, if any, to address the waiting times; 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;

Team	No. of Children on the waiting list – end of August 2022
Galway East/Roscommon	120
West Galway	47
North Galway	71
South Galway	16
TOTAL	254

Team	No. of Children directly engaged with the service – March 2022
Galway East/Roscommon	574
West Galway	454
North Galway	642
South Galway	794
TOTAL	2464

With funding from the national CAMHS Waiting List Initiative over the remainder of 2022, we expect to address a number of priority routine first referrals on our waiting lists. The waiting list for new referrals into CAMHS continue, however, to increase due to a combination of unprecedented demand pressures and recruitment difficulties.

We have an active waiting list management system, regularly reviewing clinical priority of referrals.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlie Meehan', enclosed within a light grey rectangular border.

Charlie Meehan
Head of Mental Health Services
Community Healthcare West