



02nd May 2023

Deputy Pádraig O'Sullivan,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 18645/23

“To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for CAMHS services in County Cork by area; the average waiting time; and his plans to address this.”

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) are delivered across 10 community sector teams and one Child and Adolescent Regional Eating Disorder Services (CAREDS) Team. In addition, we provide a CAMHS Liaison Service at Cork University Hospital and the Mercy University Hospital.

The numbers of children waiting and the waiting times for the CAMHS teams in County Cork are provided in the table below.

		Numbers waiting				
CKCH Team	Total Wait List	<3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12 mths
Cork North Central	44	9	11	5	17	2
North Cork	227	36	34	34	33	90
North Lee East	51	15	5	6	9	16
North Lee West	44	18	5	4	7	10
South Lee / West Cork	38	20	6	4	5	3
South Lee 1	99	6	12	14	16	50
South Lee 2	27	8	11	4	4	0
South Lee 3	196	25	17	16	31	107
Total	726	137	101	87	122	278

The HSE is committed to improving access to all of its services. In this regard CAMHS teams in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) are taking a multifaceted approach to improving access to their services. Three waitlist initiatives have been approved for funding and once operational it is anticipated that the initiatives will provide additional assessments.

As the numbers waiting to access CAMHS in North Cork are particularly high, innovative telemedicine clinics are being developed for this area. Furthermore, additional consultant led clinics are provided at weekends to support children and young people in North Cork to access assessment and supports.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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