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Deputy Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 18646/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of young people on the CAMHS waiting list in Cork city for less than 3, 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, 18-24 and for over 24 months, in tabular form.”**

Dear Deputy Ó Laoghaire,

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

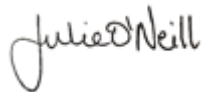
The breakdown of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service waiting lists are provided in the table below.

Group	<=3 Mths	>3<=6 Mths	>6<=9 Mths	>9<=12 Mths	>12<=15 Mths	>15<=18 Mths	>18 Mths	18-24 Mths	<24 mths
Child and Adolescent Reg. Eating Disorder Service	16	7	2	3	0	0	0		
Cork North Central	9	11	5	17	2	0	0	0	0
North Cork	36	34	34	33	25	27	38	16	22
North Lee East	15	5	6	9	8	8	0	0	0
North Lee West	18	5	4	7	6	4	0	0	0
South Lee / West Cork	20	6	4	5	1	2	0	0	0
South Lee 1	6	13	14	16	15	17	18	13	5
South Lee 2	8	11	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
South Lee 3	25	17	16	31	22	29	56	39	17

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie O'Neill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'O'.

**Ms. Julie O' Neill**

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