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Deputy Martin Browne
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30th April 2023

Re: PQ ref 18750/23 "To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for CAMHS appointments in the north Tipperary and east Limerick LHO; and if he will provide a breakdown of the figures for those waiting between three and six months, between six months and 12 months, and 12 months and longer."

Dear Deputy Browne,

TABLE 1 – Waiting List Figures as of 31/03/23

	Limerick East	North Tipperary
0 to 3 months	51	9
3 to 6 months	5	5
6 to 9 months	11	10
9 to 12 months	12	2
12 to 15 months	16	4
15 to 18 months	3	6
18 to 21 months		2
Total	98	38

If, while a young person is waiting for an appointment and there is a significant deterioration in the mental state of the young person resulting in an acute mental health presentation requiring urgent assessment; an urgent appointment maybe sought through the GP. This service is available from Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 5.00pm. The parents/guardians of all young people placed on the waiting list are informed of this in writing and the communication also includes advice on how to contact the service if the presenting difficulties escalate and/or if the mental health of the young person deteriorates.

Waiting lists are reviewed regularly so as to ensure that those waiting longer are kept under consideration when allocating cases. Note is also taken of any re-referrals in respect of a child already on the waiting list received during the waiting period to ensure that any deterioration or escalation of the presenting difficulties would prompt a review of the prioritisation of the referral

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nuala Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nuala Kelly
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