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PQ 10028/23 – “To ask the Minister for Health how many children are waiting for their CAMHS assessment and treatment in the CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter” – Alan Farrell TD

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above parliamentary question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The latest available data show that there are currently 241 young people on waiting lists for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County. The waiting list is broken down as follows:

Team	Waiting 0 – 3 months	Waiting 3 – 6 months	Waiting 6 – 9 months	Waiting 9 – 12 months
Balbriggan	20	19	15	5
Ballymun	19	11	11	5
Blanchardstown	18	4	0	0
Castleknock	15	5	5	0
North East City	1	0	0	0
Darndale	7	6	0	0
North Inner City	3	6	5	4
Swords	16	25	13	3

As part of a National Waiting List Initiative in 2022, CAMHS addressed the number of children waiting appointments, and fulfilled the objective of no young person’s waiting more than 12 months for an appointment. Before the initiative commenced, there were 369 service users on CAMHS waiting list. Further reduction in waiting time for service users remains a high priority and there are plans to further reduce waiting times in 2023.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office

Yours sincerely,

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