

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Deputy Danny Healy-Rae,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 5880/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adolescents currently on the waiting list for CAMHS treatment in counties Kerry and Cork; the wait time to be seen; and if he will make a statement on the matter”**

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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.

With regard to your query in relation to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) waiting lists in Cork and Kerry please see table below.

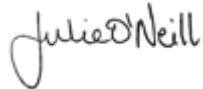
<b>January 2023</b>		
<b>CAMHS Service</b>	<b>Waiting list figures</b>	<b>Wait List &gt;12 months as of January 2023</b>
South Lee 1	109	50
South Lee 2	44	0
South Lee 3	196	99
West Cork	28	3
Kerry North	32	16
Kerry South	82	43
North lee North	47	0
North Lee East	57	18
North Lee West	45	9
North Cork	224	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>312</b>

Long-standing recruitment challenges have faced several CAMHS teams in this Community Health Organisation (CHO) and across all areas of the Health Service Executive. CHO4 (Cork and Kerry) is a large catchment area and significant investment is being undertaken to provide weekend clinics to support timely assessments into CAMHS.

Every effort is being made to address the waiting list including but not limited to the use of agencies, overseas recruitment and tele-medicine.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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