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*\* To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in accessing the CAMHS service in Galway city and county; the urgent action that is being taken to provide a quality service to young persons in the county who require these services urgently; and if he will make a statement on the matter\**

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

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

As per response issued on 04<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the circumstances remain the same, we acknowledge the delays in accessing our CAMH Services at the moment, and apologise for the difficulties this presents for young people and their families. For the first time ever, we have had to commence a waiting list for Galway CAMHS, due to unprecedented post-pandemic demand for CAMHS, as well as difficulties in recruiting CAMHS professionals.

All referrals to CAMHS are reviewed and prioritised.

We have an active waiting list management system, regularly reviewing clinical priority of referrals.

We have also recently received funding as part of the national CAMHS Waiting List Initiative and are supporting CAMHS teams in addressing current waiting list.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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