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**Claire Kerrane, T.D.,
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PQ ref 3314/23

** To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were referred to a facility (E-Mental Health Hub, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon) and the number of these persons who were seen in 2022 **

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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;

POLL Day Hospital is a Day Hospital/ Assertive Outreach Team operating from the eHub in Castlerea, Roscommon with a multidisciplinary team providing care to POLL patients who require more intensive input as an alternative to Inpatient admission.

The total number of new referrals to the POLL Services for 2022 was 350. The majority of whom would have been initially assessed in their own home by the team given the age profile of the patient. A portion of these (31) would have been initially assessed in the E-Mental Health Hub in Castlerea.

- Psychology Clinic weekly average 4 service users seen weekly
- Psychiatry of later life clinic every fortnight average 6 service users per clinic
- Community mental health nurse core assessments and reviews average 4 weekly
- Occupational Therapist reviews
- Social worker reviews
- Cognitive stimulation group held September to October 2022 for 8 weeks had 6 service users weekly
- New core assessments carried out in POLL day hospital in 2022 were 31

CAMHS Connect is a CAMHS Day Hospital/ Assertive Outreach Team operating from the eHub in Castlerea, Roscommon with a multidisciplinary team providing care to Children and Adolescents who require more intensive input as an alternative to Inpatient admission. Young people availing of this service remain under the Clinical responsibility of their referring CAMHS Community Mental Health Team. As such all routine reporting relating to the care of these young people, including CAMHS Connect activities, are incorporated within the overall reports of their Community Mental Health Team.

In order to provide the accurate figures each team had to manually review each referral and identify referrals. To get the waiting times, we would have to go back and manually trace those referrals to files for appointment dates – pull files etc. So as you can see, the data can be gotten but it is a significant effort and use of scarce team resources.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Charlie Meehan', written in a cursive style.

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