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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are currently waiting for an appointment in CAMHS; the number that were waiting circa July 2020, the average waiting times per CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward**

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

CAMHS provide specialist mental health service to those aged up to 18 years, who have reached the threshold for a diagnosis of moderate to severe mental health disorder that require the input of a multi-disciplinary mental health teams, such as moderate to severe anxiety disorders, moderate to severe depression, Bi Polar Affective disorder, Psychosis, moderate to severe eating disorders, self-harm that require the input of a multi-disciplinary mental health team.

The table below provides information on the number of children and young people waiting to be seen as at end of November 2022. Please be advised that this data is subject to change due to ongoing review and validation.

Age is not captured

30 <sup>th</sup> November	Total	<= 12 weeks No.	> 12 <= 26 weeks No	>26 <=39 weeks No	>39 <=52 Weeks No	>52 Weeks No
<b>National Total</b>	<b>3,937</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>579</b>
CHO 1	296	114	68	53	41	20
CHO 2	247	89	64	54	32	8
CHO 3	423	117	87	45	36	138
CHO 4	810	142	118	156	118	276



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CHO 5	314	96	68	78	58	14
CHO 6	611	351	118	76	41	25
CHO 7	384	220	81	38	25	20
CHO 8	610	319	94	86	33	78
CHO 9	242	120	37	61	24	0

In relation to your request for data relating to the numbers waiting for an appointment in circa July 2020, this information is already available publically and can be found by consulting with the HSE Performance Reports. These can be found here:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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