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Deputy Brady, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 36735/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently on the waiting list for child psychology in CHO 6 and CHO 7, Wicklow, broken down by lengths of time of 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-John Brady

Dear Deputy Brady,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (36735/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality services to all eligible service users. In 2022, there were 42,532 patients seen by HSE Psychology services in Primary Care. It is worth noting that COVID-19 has posed significant challenges for many service areas in 2020, 2021 and 2022. The resulting ongoing impact is seen in the increased number of referrals and subsequent waiting lists for Primary Care Services.

Please find the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Psychology waiting list for children in CHO 6 and 7, as at the end of June 2023 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Psychology Children Waitlist CHO 6 and 7 as at the end of June 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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