



28<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Deputy John Brady  
27 Main Street  
Bray  
Co Wicklow

PQ 36738/23 re the number of persons waiting on the CAMHS waiting list in County Wicklow; the average waiting time, broken down by lengths of time of 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form

Dear Deputy Brady,

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

I am advised by Lucena Clinic CAMHS of the following in relation to the number of persons waiting and the average length of wait times:

Waiting Times	Bray	Wicklow
0-3 Months	29	52
3-6 Months	28	33
6-12 Months	22	58
12+ Months	0	26
Total	79	169

All referrals received by Wicklow Lucena CAMHS are reviewed weekly by a multidisciplinary triage team, with follow up agreed. Where a referral is urgent, contact is attempted with family within 72 hours, or as early as possible, of receipt by a member of the multidisciplinary team. If appropriate, appointments are offered as soon as possible.

Once a referral is accepted, it is placed on an urgent, semi-urgent or routine waiting list as appropriate. A letter to the family informing them of the above and asking them to contact with A&E or their GP in case of emergency and to bring the young person back to their GP for review if significant change in presentation (e.g. more severe concerns).



The CAMHS Crisis Hub is now operational and responds to young people who require emergency input.

I trust this information is of assistance, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Martina Behan'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'B'.

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Martina Behan  
General Manager Mental Health,  
Community Healthcare East.