



15/06/2023

Deputy Denis Naughten,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 29107/23 - *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a psychology appointment in CHO7; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Deputy Denis Naughten

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm the below Table outlines the current number of Children awaiting Primary Care Psychology Service appointments in CHO7 as of May 2023. This table also outlines the breakdown of the wait time. Please note recruitment is ongoing to fill vacant posts and every effort is being made to recruit staff to the service.

Category	Data	May-23
Wait times by Age Category 0-4years	Number of Psychology Service patient's 0-4years waiting for assessment 0-≤12 weeks	39
	Number of Psychology Service patient's 0-4years waiting for assessment > 12 weeks ≤ 26 weeks	28
	Number of Psychology Service patient's 0-4years waiting for assessment > 26 weeks ≤ 39 weeks	20
	Number of Psychology Service patient's 0-4years waiting for assessment > 39 weeks ≤ 52 weeks	13
	No of Psychology Service patient's 0-4years waiting for assessment > 52 weeks	25
Category	Data	May-23
Wait times by Age Category 5-17years	Number of Psychology Service patient's 5-17 years waiting for assessment 0-≤12 weeks	129
	Number of Psychology Service patient's 5-17 years waiting for assessment > 12 weeks ≤ 26 weeks	116
	Number of Psychology Service patient's 5-17 years waiting for assessment > 26 weeks ≤ 39 weeks	123
	Number of Psychology Service patient's 5-17 years waiting for assessment > 39 weeks ≤ 52 weeks	106
	Number of Psychology Service patient's 5-17 years waiting for assessment > 52 weeks	436

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

Yours sincerely,

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