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Deputy Paul Donnelly
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PQ ref 11196/23 “To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on CHO7 waiting lists for counselling and psychotherapy on initial assessment, initial therapy intervention and further therapy intervention lists, in tabular form”

Deputy Paul Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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 Primary Care Psychology Service don't typically get referrals for counselling or psychotherapy for children. However therapies may be offered based upon the need identified in the referral i.e. a young child with anxiety might be better served by parents attending a Timid to Tigers parenting program vs any direct work with them post assessment.

Cases are not broken down into 'initial assessment, initial therapy intervention and further therapy intervention. The Psychology Service see the child that would be next on their list. The child would be seen by the Psychology Service, a treatment plan would be put in place and then the child would be referred on or discharged.

The current number of children on the Psychology Service waiting list as of the end of February 2023 are outlined below.

Dublin South West: 594
Dublin South City: 340
Dublin West: 1147
Kildare and West Wicklow: 915

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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