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*\* To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals made to CAMHS in CHO2 in 2022 and to date in 2023; the number of those referrals which were refused; the number currently on the waiting list; the current waiting time for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter \**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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;

The number of referrals made to CAHMS in CHO2 in 2022 were 1,921. The number of referrals in 2023 from the data available to August 2023 is 1,304.

The number of referrals which met the clinical criteria for acceptance by CAHMS were 1,237 in 2022 and 737 up to August 2023.

There are 233 individuals on the CAHMS waiting list at the end of August 2023.

Community Healthcare West CAMHS do not have IT-enabled patient administration systems (PAS). As a result all case tracking is manual. While we do have clinically managed referral and appointment lists, and waiting lists if necessary, we cannot and do not measure average wait times as it would entail placing an excessive additional burden on our limited CAMHS Community Mental Health Team resources.

We await the decision on a future IT system appropriate to CAMHS from the national group overseeing implementation of the recommendations of the Mackey Report. In the interim, we are in the process of implementing iPMS, the local General Acute Services PAS, which while very limited in its capabilities vis a vis the documented case/practice management IT needs in CAMHS, will give much greater functionality with regard to activity reporting. We currently expect iPMS to be operational in CHW CAMHS in Q1 2024.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Jackson', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

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**Steve Jackson**  
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