

6th March, 2024

Ms. Kathleen Funchion, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 44691/23

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in CHO4 waiting lists for counselling and psychotherapy on initial assessment, initial therapy intervention and further therapy intervention lists, in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Funchion,

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.

Primary Care Child, Adolescent and Family Psychology Service is not a counselling or psychotherapy service.

In Primary Care Psychology services children are waitlisted for assessment and intervention in a single waiting list. Below is the numbers of 0-18yrs on the psychology waiting list.

| | 0 – 18yrs on Waitlist |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| South Lee | 1599 |
| North Lee | 1440 |
| North Cork | 602 |
| West Cork | 354 |
| Kerry | 579 |

Many of the clients on the overall waiting list will have had previous input or will have been offered low intensity supports such as psychoeducation / workshops / advice clinic.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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