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Mr Alan Farrell, TD. Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, **Kildare Street** Dublin 2

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PQ 46103/23 "To ask the Minister for Health how many children are on the waiting list for the CAMHS team in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter" Alan Farrell, TD

Dear Deputy Farrell,

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

The latest available data, which was extracted up to the end of January 2024, show that there are currently 209 young people on waiting lists for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC). This is a reduction of 36 young people awaiting their initial appointment since the end of quarter two, 2023. The waiting list is broken down as follows:

| Team                        | Waiting 0-three<br>months | Waiting three – six<br>months | Waiting six –<br>nine months | Waiting nine –<br>12 months |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Balbriggan                  | 14                        | 18                            | 10                           | 2                           |
| Ballymun/Finglas            | 14                        | 5                             | 5                            | 0                           |
| Blakestown                  | 11                        | 5                             | 2                            | 0                           |
| Blanchardstown              | 11                        | 3                             | 13                           | 1                           |
| North Inner City / Clontarf | 20                        | 0                             | 0                            | 0                           |
| Coolock/ Kilbarrack         | 15                        | 5                             | 0                            | 0                           |
| Cabra                       | 0                         | 3                             | 0                            | 0                           |
| Swords                      | 16                        | 28                            | 8                            | 0                           |

CAMHS are continuing to address the number of children waiting for appointments through the National Waiting List Initiative in 2024, with the objective for no young person to wait more than six months for an appointment.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Donal Cassidy Head of Mental Health Services CHO Dublin North City & County** 

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