



13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Deputy Thomas Gould,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 46141/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an initial appointment with CAMHS in Cork by waiting time, in tabular form”**

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

Please see table below outlining wait list figures for January 2024.

CHO4	<= 3Mths	>3<=6 Mths	>6<=9 Mths	>9<=12 Mths	>12<=15 Mths	>15<=18 Mths	>18 Mths	Jan 2024
Child and Adolescent Reg. Eating Disorder Service	10	10	2	1	0	0	0	<b>23</b>
Cork North Central	25	14	16	14	7	1	0	<b>77</b>
North Cork	30	47	34	29	18	32	86	<b>276</b>
North Lee East	26	17	17	12	7	1	0	<b>80</b>
North Lee West	5	16	16	18	6	0	8	<b>69</b>
South Lee / West Cork	19	7	11	9	1	2	3	<b>52</b>
South Lee 1	5	20	16	14	10	12	29	<b>106</b>
South Lee 2	3	7	10	20	7	0	0	<b>47</b>
South Lee 3	11	5	21	15	12	7	59	<b>130</b>

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare acknowledges the lengthy waiting times that parents are experiencing. We sincerely regret that any child/adult has to wait for an assessment. We fully appreciate the level of stress that families are experiencing due to the current waiting times. Cork Kerry Community Healthcare would like to assure parents/families that we will continue to work on a number of initiatives aimed at reducing the waiting times for assessment.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,



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