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Deputy Peadar Tóibín.
Dail Eireann,
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13th September 2023.

PQ Number: 37291/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children seen by CAMHS in each of the past ten years and to date in 2023, in tabular form. –Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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.

CAMHS provide specialist mental health service to those aged up to 18 years, who have reached the threshold for a diagnosis of moderate to severe mental health disorder that require the input of a multi-disciplinary mental health teams, such as moderate to severe anxiety disorders, moderate to severe depression, Bi Polar Affective disorder, Psychosis, moderate to severe eating disorders, self-harm that require the input of a multi-disciplinary mental health team.

Please be advised that the information requested by the Deputy is already available publically for the period 2013 to date in 2023 and can be found by consulting with the HSE Performance Reports which can be found here:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/>

Please see link below which provides the number of children seen by CAMHS in **2013**.
[2013 Performance Assurance Reports - HSE.ie](#)

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To the end of **July 2023** there was 7,750 New/re-referred appointments offered in Community CAMHS of which 7,277 attended and 473 did not attend. To the end of July there was 142,591 total appointments offered in Community CAMHS of which 130,413 attended and 12,178 did not attend.

At the end of Q1 there was 19,224 children attending Community CAMHS

Please note this data is live and therefore subject to change and amendment pending ongoing review and validation.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker', written in a cursive style.

Tony Mc Cusker
General Manager
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