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23 February 2024

PQ ref 4645/24: To ask the Minister for Health to report on the number of children who were refused support from a CAMHS team (West Clare CAMHS Team) in each of the past ten years, in tabular form;

Dear Ms Wynne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

CAMHS is a service for children with Moderate to Severe Mental Health Illness. All referrals are screened to ensure that the referral meets the criteria for access to CAMHS. In order to ensure that the CAMHS Service can respond to children and young people with moderate to severe mental illness in a timely manner it is appropriate that inappropriate referrals are refused.

CAMHS accept all referrals that meet the threshold for moderate to severe mental health difficulties. Referrals that are received in CAMHS that do not meet this threshold are termed *not accepted*. The Referrer is then provided written correspondence as to why the referral is not accepted and where appropriate signposted to contact other services.

West Clare	2022	2023
New Referrals Accepted	127	138
New Referrals Not Accepted	74	92
Re-Referrals Accepted	112	103
Re-Referrals Not Accepted	135	51

*data not available for 10 years only available 2022 and 2023

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nuala Kelly".

Nuala Kelly
Head of Service - Mental Health Service,
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