

Deputy Matt Carthy
Leinster House
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

4th March 2024

Ref: PQ 56417/23: To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for first appointment at each mental health centre in County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carthy

I refer to your recent correspondence. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position of Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service.

In Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service, waiting times data is not collected based on Mental Health Centre's but on Community Mental Health Teams (CMHTs).

The information below is based on CMHTs:

Team/Service	Offered Appointment within 3 months	Seen within 3 months
Mental Health service for Elderly (MHSE)	100%	100%
Monaghan General Adult MHS	100%	100%
Monaghan Child & Adolescent MHS (CAMHS).	64%	62%

Clinically urgent referrals are responded to, by the General Adult and MHSE teams, within 2 hours of contact from GP; clinically urgent referrals to CAMHS are seen within 3 days.

Presentations, which require mental health service assessment/input, to the Emergency Department in Cavan General Hospital are responded to within an hour.

Kindly note this response was held due to Fórsa Industrial Action which has now been lifted.

I hope this information will help to address the concerns raised

Yours sincerely



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