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PQ 28072/24 *"To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for first-time appointments for ADHD assessments in CHO9."* **Catherine Murphy, TD**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

The table below details the most recent measured waiting times for an initial assessment of a child where the diagnosis of Moderate to Severe ADHD is queried. This data is provided by each Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS) **Team in** Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC)/**CHO9**. **The variation in the waiting times is predominately reflective of the referral rates in particular catchment areas.**

CAMHS Network Team	Current Wait Time
Balbriggan CAMHS	9-12 Months
Swords CAMHS	6-9 Months
Coolock / Kilbarrack CAMHS	6-9 Months
Ballymun / Finglas CAMHS	9-12 Months
Cabra CAMHS	0-3 Months
North Inner City / Clontarf CAMHS	3-6 Months
Blakestown CAMHS	3-6 Months
Blanchardstown CAMHS	6-9 Months

The CAMHS DNCC Service has established a consultant led ADHD / Neurodevelopmental sub team to support children with complex comorbidities. The referral pathway for ADHD assessment are submitted from the CAMHS Community Teams to the ADHD / Neurodevelopmental sub team. In addition, two Advanced Nurse Practitioners dedicated to ADHD assessment supporting the CAMHS Teams have commenced. This initiative has been introduced to assist in the further reduction of wait times.

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,

Anne Marie Donohue
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