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Dail Eireann
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of child psychiatrists employed by the HSE in CAMHS in the CHO5 area; the number of children waiting for an appointment with a child psychiatrist in each county within the CHO5 area; the number of referrals that have been refused an appointment for this service; and the number referred awaiting a decision in CHO5 in each county.

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

There are currently 9 Child Psychiatrist Consultants within South East Mental Health Services that work in our Child and Adolescent Service, 2 in South Tipperary, 2 Carlow/Kilkenny, 2 Waterford CAMHs, 2 Wexford and 1 Child and Adolescent Intellectual Disability.

The table below year end 2023 figures:

CAMHS Team	No of Referral Received	No of Referrals Accepted	Awaiting Appointment	No of Referrals Declined
South Tipperary 1	229	153	24	76
South Tipperary 2	283	141	16	142
Carlow Kilkenny 1	385	210	0	175
Carlow Kilkenny 2	405	214	3	191
Waterford	470	173	73	297
Wexford North	394	124	86	270
Wexford South	273	78	30	195

There are 2.0 WTE Consultant Psychiatrists working across the catchment area of Waterford. SECH Mental Health Services are actively recruiting a 3rd CAMHS team for Wexford North.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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