



Deputy Carol Nolan  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

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**PQ Number: 20203/24**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons awaiting assessment nationally; the duration of the waiting time for HSE contracted psychiatrists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Carol Nolan**

Dear Deputy Nolan

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.

HSE Mental Health Services do not hold information on waiting times for individual professions. Waiting times are recorded for access to the MultiDisciplinary Team- which includes Psychiatry. At present we can only provide the number of persons waiting in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

**Community CAMHS** As of end of March, Nationally there was 3,819 children on the waiting list for community mental health services (See table below)

	Total waiting to be seen	<= 12 weeks No.	> 12 <= 26 weeks No	>26 <=39 weeks No	>39 <=52 Weeks No	>52 Weeks No
<b>National Total</b>	3,819	1,643	841	451	364	520
CHO 1	268	150	61	31	21	5
CHO 2	228	145	52	21	7	3
CHO 3	230	119	46	19	21	25
CHO 4	974	178	182	141	171	302
CHO 5	227	90	53	31	21	32
CHO 6	416	243	96	47	27	3
CHO 7	444	233	106	41	38	26
CHO 8	764	351	154	86	49	124
CHO 9	268	134	91	34	9	0



### **Community Adult Mental Health Services**

At the end of March 84.9% of referred patients were offered an appointment within 12 weeks in general adult mental health services with the remaining offered an appointment shortly afterwards.

At the end of March of 43.02% children were offered an appointment within 12 weeks. In Community CAMHS.

91.4% of referred patients in Psychiatry of Later Life services were offered an appointment within 12 weeks

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Tony' being the most prominent.

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**Tony Mc Cusker**  
**General Manager**  
**National Mental Health Services**