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Deputy Holly Cairns  
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**Re: PQ 16843/25 - "To ask the Minister for Health the psychology waiting list numbers and exact wait times, in months and years, for children and adolescents in each integrated health area of the Mid West Regional Health Area Primary Care Services, in tabular form, to also include numbers of years waiting for young people waiting more than twelve months; and the longest wait time, in years and months as of March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025."**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that the Primary Care Child & Family Psychology Service is delivered by county and not Integrated Health Area across the HSE Mid West area (Limerick, Clare and Nth. Tipperary). The Principal Psychology Manager has provided the following breakdown regarding the number of children and adolescents (under 17 years) who are waiting an initial assessment/intervention by the Primary Care Psychology Service at the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025:

	Limerick		Clare		Nth. Tipperary	
Age profile of patient	0-4 years	5-17 years	0-4 years	5-17 years	0-4 years	5-17 years
No. of patients by wait time and age profile:						
0-12 weeks	17	72	10	50	2	20
12-26 weeks	11	69	19	73	3	19
26-39 weeks	14	60	3	63	7	46
39-52 weeks	8	59	7	39	2	44
52 weeks+	24	143	3	88	7	87
Longest wait time	120 weeks		140 weeks		164 weeks	
Total No. of patients waiting	477		355		237	

I trust the above information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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