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To ask the Minister for Health the CAMHS psychology waiting-list numbers and exact wait-times in months and years for young people in each integrated health area of the West and North West Regional Health Area, in tabular form; the number of years waiting for young people waiting more than twelve months; and the longest wait-time in years and months as of 1 March 2025

Dear Deputy Quaide,

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;

CAMHS Community Mental Health Services are provided by Community Mental Health Teams (CMHTs) operating as multi-disciplinary teams (MDT) including Psychology.

We are in receipt of funding from the national CAMHS Waiting List Initiative for 2025 and we expect to address a number of priority routine first referrals on our waiting lists. The waiting list for new referrals into CAHMS continues, however, to increase due to a combination of unprecedented demand pressures and recruitment difficulties. I can assure you that we have an active waiting list management system, regularly reviewing the clinical priority of referrals.

Please be advised that presently there is no electronic Patient Administration System for CAMHS but we are hoping to introduce a system in the near future which would allow us to capture the detailed data requested by you. However, currently, where necessary, waiting list data for access to CMHTs which is compiled manually and reported by each Multidisciplinary Team on a monthly basis.

The latest published waiting list data per CMHT for West & North West CAMHS at 28th February 2025 shows:

Health Region (HR)	IHA	CAMHS CMHTeam	Population 0 - 18	Actual Clinical WTE	Wait List	Wait List >12 mths
HSE West & North West		Total	180,166	110.1	626	17
HSE West & North West	Mayo	Mayo North	13,761	10.3	16	0
HSE West & North West	Mayo	Mayo South	18,150	10.5	43	0
HSE West & North West	Galway Roscommon	North Galway	20,595	13.6	83	0
HSE West & North West	Galway Roscommon	Roscommon / East Galway	20,341	6.9	9	0
HSE West & North West	Galway Roscommon	South Galway	24,027	13.9	86	0
HSE West & North West	Galway Roscommon	West Galway	16,836	8.1	108	16

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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