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Leinster House
Dublin 2**

PQ 21646/25

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 Dublin and South East 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 April 2025.

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To ask the Minister for Health the current CAMHS psychology staffing levels by grade of psychologist and per population size served in each integrated health area of the Dublin and South East Regional Health Area, as of 1 April 2025.

Dear Deputy Quaide,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following composite response outlines the current position.

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

Referrals to CAMHS are to the multidisciplinary team, for children and young people who often require various disciplines working together to provide a co-ordinated intervention plan to target both acute and longer standing mental health needs. To that end, psychology services in CAMHS locally operate a flexible and needs-led approach to workload allocation, working closely with other colleagues to determine the best pathways for services available to a child or young person at any particular point in time. Services are delivered in consultation form, through clinical assessments, group based interventions, family based interventions, triadically through supporting colleagues, and through individual work. To that end, psychology services engage with the team to determine pathways of care that are timely, effective and integrated.



CAMHS Teams - Psychology Staffing by IHA

IHA	CAMHS Team	Population 0-18	Grade Psychologist (WTE)
IHA Waterford Wexford	Wexford South	19,139	1 Senior Grade post approved, in recruitment process.
	Wexford North	20,275	2 Senior Grade 1 Staff Grade (0.8*)
	Waterford	33,810	1 Senior Grade 2 Staff Grade
Carlow, Kilkenny Tipperary South	Carlow Kilkenny T1	17,553	1 Senior Grade (0.8*) 0.5 Staff Grade
	Carlow Kilkenny T2	17,551	1 Senior Grade (0.8*) 0.5 Staff Grade
	Tipperary South T1	11,234	0 - posts are recruitment priority (1 Senior & 1 Staff Grade)
	Tipperary South T2	12,043	1 Senior Grade (staff member on statutory leave)

*Note: * 1 x WTE, currently .8 given statutory leave.*

IHA	CAMHS Team	Population 0-18	Grade Psychologist
Dublin South and Wicklow	Lucena Clinic Bray, Co. Wicklow	17,882	1.8 Senior Grade
	Lucena Clinic, Co. Wicklow	15,859	1 Senior Grade
	Lucena Clinic Teams A Team C	Team A = 20,047 Team C = 20,694	1 Senior Grade 1 Staff Grade 0.4 Principal Psychology Mgr 1 Senior Grade
	Marine 56	17,858	1.5 Senior Grade
	Lucena Century Court	Team 1 = 12,921 Team 2 = 12,921	1 Senior Grade 0.6 Staff Grade 1 Senior Grade

The HSE acknowledges that waiting times for services at this time are stressful for children and their families, and will continue to explore a range of options to enhance the recruitment and retention of essential staff. HSE Dublin and South East region is in receipt of targeted funding from the national CAMHS Waiting List Initiative for 2025 to help improve access to care for children and adolescents on CAMHS waiting lists. The focus is to reduce waiting lists, in particular for those waiting longest to access care whilst at the same time recognising clinical autonomy to manage clinical risk. In the context of increased service demand, rising number of referrals of children to CAMHS and ongoing recruitment challenges, I can assure you that we have an active waiting list management system for the service.



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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