

4<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Mr. Liam Quaide, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ ref 5788/25**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the psychology waiting-list numbers and exact wait-times in months and years for children and adolescents in the north Lee, south Lee, north Cork and Kerry primary care services, in tabular form; and to include numbers of years waiting for young people waiting more than 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter".**

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.

Please see below table outlining the waitlists for psychology.

	<b>Psychology waiting-list Numbers</b>				
<b>Time waiting in Years (and weeks)</b>	<b>North Cork</b>	<b>North Lee</b>	<b>South Lee</b>	<b>West Cork</b>	<b>Kerry</b>
1 year - 2 years	238	636	591	169	260
2 years - 3 years	167	360	471	101	170
3 years - 4 years	52	330	345	14	117
> 4 years	0	60	80	0	0
Subtotal waiting more than 12 months	457	1386	1487	284	547
Waiting less than 12 Months Year (0-52)	340	562	679	184	379
<b>Total waitlisted</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>1948</b>	<b>2166</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>926</b>

We are actively recruiting to fill long-standing psychology vacancies across all areas of Cork and Kerry and a number of posts are at various stages of recruitment, some with commencement dates between January – March 2025.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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