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Deputy Willie Aird  
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**Re: PQ ref 8397/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on CAMHS waiting lists in County Laois, broken down by the number of months they are waiting, in tabular form; the plans to address the crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Aird,

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 outline the position as follows.

Laois CAMHS February, 2025	
Waiting time	Number waiting
0-3 months	23
3-6 months	28
6-9 months	29
9-12 months	15
12-15 months	9
Total waiting	<b>104</b>

We are urgently addressing this waiting list via the waiting list initiative targeting the longest waiters over 12 months. The increase resulted from merging a previous ADHD pathway with the general pathway. There are also currently 5 vacant posts and we are working with management to find a way to sanction recruitment to these posts.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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