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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in the County Louth area are currently awaiting their first appointment with the CAMHS team; the number of these children have been waiting over 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Byrne,

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 outlined the position as follows.

There are three Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) teams across County Louth and they are multidisciplinary. New referrals are reviewed on a weekly basis during the multidisciplinary team meetings, with appointments offered based on clinical need. Urgent cases are prioritised, and most are seen within one to two weeks—often within 24 hours or one week for young people presenting with high-risk concerns. We recognise that this will lead to longer wait times for individuals whose needs are considered less acute.

	North Louth CAMHS	South Louth CAMHS	South Louth East Meath CAMHS
0-3 months	10	19	20
3-6 months	8	13	23
6-9 months	11	14	18
9-12 months	5	0	16
> 12 months	0	0	2

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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