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“To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the current average waiting time for first appointments from referral to provision of appointment in the County Louth area”.

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.

All new referrals to Louth Meath Mental Health Services are reviewed based on information provided by the referring agent, 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 individuals presenting with high-risk concerns. We recognise that this will lead to longer wait times for individuals whose needs are considered less acute.

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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