



30<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

Deputy Pa Daly,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ ref 39970/25**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on CAMHS waiting lists in Kerry, by area and by length of time, in each of the years 2015 to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

**North Kerry CAMHS Wait List 2015 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Team	Year	Total	< 3 Months No.	3 - 6 Months No.	6 - 9 Months No.	9 - 12 Months No.	12 - 15 Months No.	15 - 18 Months No.	> 18 Months No.
North Kerry	2025	YTD 88	9	15	18	4	23	16	3
	2024	66	18	4	18	19	6	1	0
	2023	49	6	11	18	7	4	2	1
	2022	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2021	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2020	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2019	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* 2019 – 2022 Historical data available is limited to Wait List count at year end

\* 2015 – 2018 No historical data available

**South Kerry CAMHS Wait List 2015 - 30th June 2025**

Team	Year	Total	< 3 Months No.	3 - 6 Months No.	6 - 9 Months No.	9 - 12 Months No.	12 - 15 Months No.	15 - 18 Months No.	> 18 Months No.
South Kerry	2025	YTD 72	18	22	11	11	10	0	0
	2024	63	11	11	21	11	9	0	0
	2023	56	14	13	14	6	9	0	0
	2022	87	12	10	11	11	12	9	22

\* 2015 – 2021 No historical data available

There is a significant and increasing demand for CAMHS across the region. HSE South West acknowledges the lengthy waiting times that parents are experiencing. We sincerely regret that any child must wait for an assessment. We fully appreciate the level of stress that families are experiencing due to the current waiting times. Recruitment across CAMHS is ongoing and every effort is being made to ensure vacant posts are filled as quickly as possible. We are actively focused on reducing the overall waiting lists, with particular focus on those waiting longest for access to the service.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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