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Deputy Pa Daly, Dáil Éireann, Dublin 2.

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"To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the waiting list for Jigsaw in Kerry as off 1 July 2025; 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.

Jigsaw is a Section 39 agency, and a Service Level Agreement with Jigsaw is held nationally. Jigsaw do not provide retrospective wait list numbers. I can confirm that as of 30th July 2025, there are 18 people waiting for an appointment in Kerry and Jigsaw intends to offer these young people an appointment in August 2025.

Jigsaw have recently shared insights into why waiting lists remain a challenge despite their ongoing commitment to early intervention and tailored care, which include the increased demand for their services, staffing and resource constraints, and the need to prioritise high distress cases.

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

Yours sincerely,

Declan Cronin Acting Head of Service Mental Health Services