

25<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

Deputy Michael Cahill  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 30755/25**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on waiting lists for Jigsaw in CHO4 as of 31st May 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Cahill,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond directly to you regarding the above Parliamentary Question submitted for the Minister for Health.

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 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025, there were 231 young people waiting for appointments in Cork, and 77 in Kerry. The current waiting times are 9 weeks in Cork, and 8 weeks in Kerry. The numbers reflect young people awaiting their first appointment after this date, and some of these appointments may have already occurred.

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 this clarifies the queries raised.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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