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Deputy David Cullinane, Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

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PQ Number: 10940/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on waiting lists for Jigsaw, by health area and wait timeband, at the end of February for each of the years 2019, 2023, 2024, and

2025, in tabular form. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 the following outlines the position.

Jigsaw is funded by the HSE to provide youth mental health services for those with mild to moderate mental health difficulties. They provide face-to-face, online and phone based services to young people aged between 12 to 25 years old while working with communities to resource and support parents and other adults who work with young people.

Please see data in response to this PQ. Please note the following:

*Please be advised that the information requested by the Deputy has been provided by Jigsaw directly.

- It is not possible to pull the numbers waiting retrospectively so I have provided you with the up to date information as of today's date.
- Numbers waiting include young people whose first appointment is any date after today (11 March), so in some cases those appointments will be tomorrow, for example.
- We do not have information on wait times for February 2019 but we have a set of information from the following month so March 2019 is also included.
- 2019 information is not available for some services, either because they were not under Jigsaw governance at the time (Donegal) or had not yet opened (Wicklow, Tipperary, Online).



County Service	March 2019 Wait Time	February 2023 Wait Time	February 2024 Wait Time	February 2025 Wait Time
Cork	14 weeks	26 weeks	4 weeks	9.5 weeks
Donegal	n/a	15 weeks	5 weeks	3 weeks
Dublin 15	8 weeks	6 weeks	8 weeks	10 weeks
Dublin City	6 weeks	25 weeks	12 weeks	10 weeks
Dublin South West	11 weeks	16 weeks	11 weeks	9 weeks
Galway	3 weeks	13 weeks	12 weeks	15 weeks
Kerry	5 weeks	7 weeks	8 weeks	9 weeks
Limerick	12 weeks	18 weeks	12 weeks	4 weeks
Meath	5 weeks	23 weeks	12 weeks	11 weeks
North Fingal	6 weeks	8 weeks	15 weeks	6 weeks
Offaly-Laois	1 week	12 weeks	7-8 weeks	8 weeks
Roscommon	11 weeks	14 weeks	5 weeks	12 weeks
Tipperary	n/a	10 weeks	9 weeks	6 weeks
Wicklow	n/a	4 weeks	12 weeks	20 weeks
Jigsaw Online	n/a	n/a	1-3 weeks	2 weeks

Service	Currently Waiting Appointment (as of 11.03.2025)	
Cork		233
Donegal		82
Dublin 15		82
Dublin City		173
Dublin South		
West		155
Galway		334
Kerry		102
Limerick		88
Meath		122
North Fingal		109
Offaly-Laois		75
Roscommon		60
Tipperary		69
Wicklow		145
Jigsaw Online		20
Total		1849



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All young people awaiting a first appointment with a Jigsaw service are made aware of the availability to them of Jigsaw's Live Chat service (a text based session with a qualified clinician). This service is available 5 days a week and there is little or no wait time to engage in a session. I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Braham
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