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PQ Ref 9363/25: “To ask the Minister for Health the psychology waiting list numbers and wait times, in , for children and adolescents in CAMHS Louth, in each of the years 2020 to 2024, in tabular form; the efforts being made to reduce these times; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy McGreehan,

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.

Louth Meath Mental Health Services operate 3 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) teams across Louth. Each CAMHS team is a multidisciplinary team. All new referrals are discussed weekly at the Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings and given an appointment date based on clinical need.

The majority of urgent referrals will be seen within 1-2 weeks. Every effort is made to prioritise urgent referrals so that young people with high risk presentations are seen as soon as possible and this is often within 24hrs and/or 1 week. It should be noted that urgent new referrals impact on wait times for cases that are considered, by a clinician, to be of a less severe nature. Individual disciplines do not operate a discipline specific waitlist system.

The below table outlines the current and previous waitlist numbers and wait times for CAMHS across Louth:

North Louth CAMHS							
2020	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 9	9 - 12	12 - 15	15 - 18	18 - 24
	0	4	2	4	2	0	0
2021	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 9	9 - 12	12 - 15	15 - 18	18 - 24
	7	4	9	4	0	0	0
2022	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 9	9 - 12	12 - 15	15 - 18	18 - 24
	7	9	8	5	2	0	0
2023	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 9	9 - 12	12 - 15	15 - 18	18 - 24
	3	8	0	0	0	0	0
2024	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 9	9 - 12	12 - 15	15 - 18	18 - 24
	16	8	1	0	0	0	0



South Louth CAMHS							
2020	0 – 3	3-6	6-9	9-12	12-15	15-18	18-24
	23	3	7	3	1	0	0
2021	0 – 3	3-6	6-9	9-12	12-15	15-18	18-24
	25	3	9	1	0	0	0
2022	0 – 3	3-6	6-9	9-12	12-15	15-18	18-24
	2	10	4	4	2	0	0
2023	0 – 3	3-6	6-9	9-12	12-15	15-18	18-24
	4	3	0	0	0	0	0
2024	0 – 3	3-6	6-9	9-12	12-15	15-18	18-24
	17	19	4	0	0	0	0
South Louth East Meath							
2020	0 – 3	3-6	6-9	9-12	12-15	15-18	18-24
	9	8	12	27	4	6	14
2021	0 – 3	3-6	6-9	9-12	12-15	15-18	18-24
	25	9	11	5	0	0	0
2022	0 – 3	3-6	6-9	9-12	12-15	15-18	18-24
	26	15	9	0	0	0	0
2023	0 – 3	3-6	6-9	9-12	12-15	15-18	18-24
	16	20	12	9	0	0	0
2024	0 – 3	3-6	6-9	9-12	12-15	15-18	18-24
	26	23	16	0	0	0	0

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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