

13th May 2025

Deputy Pa Daly,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 23755/25

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on CAMHS waiting lists in Kerry, broken down by area and by length of time, 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.

The below table outlines the waiting times for CAMHS services in Kerry as of March 2025

| Team | Total Waiting | <=3Months | >3<=6 Months | >6<=9 Months | >9<=12 Months | >12<=15 Months | >15<=18 Months | >18 Months |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| North Kerry | 82 | 15 | 18 | 4 | 22 | 17 | 5 | 1 |
| South Kerry | 68 | 20 | 12 | 12 | 20 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

The service regrets that young people cannot always access the CAMHS service as quickly as they or we would like. Staff across the service are actively taking measures to acquire the necessary resources, clinical and otherwise, to ensure a quality service for the children of Cork & Kerry going forward. 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 CAMHS.

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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