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To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently waiting to be seen by child & adolescent primary care psychology services and waiting time in months in Co Wexford and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

I can confirm that there are currently 788 children and adolescents (0-18 years) waiting to be seen in Wexford Primary Care Psychology and the current waiting time is 44 months.

In recent years, there has been increased demand and referrals for Psychology services, which, along with staffing challenges, impact waiting lists. All referrals are prioritised based on the needs identified.

I acknowledge that waiting times for services at this time are stressful for children and their families, and we will continue to explore a range of options to enhance the recruitment and retention of essential staff.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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