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

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"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.

North Kerry CAMHS Wait List YTD 2025

Team	Year	Total	< 3 Months No.	3 - 6 Months No.	6 - 9 Months No.	9 - 12 Months No.	12 - 15 Months No.	15 - 18 Months No.	> 18 Months No.
North Kerry	2025	YTD	2	9	16	17	6	16	0

South Kerry CAMHS Wait List YTD 2025

Team	Year	Total	< 3 Months No.	3 - 6 Months No.	6 - 9 Months No.	9 - 12 Months No.	12 - 15 Months No.	15 - 18 Months No.	> 18 Months No.
South Kerry	2025	YTD	14	19	22	9	5	0	0

There is a significant and increasing demand for CAMHS across the region. HSE South West acknowledges the lengthy waiting times that parents are experiencing. We sincerely regret that any child must wait for an assessment. We fully appreciate the level of stress that families are experiencing due to the current waiting times. 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 the service.

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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