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Deputy Ruairí Ó Murchú,
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Number: 47637/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the positions unfilled in CAMHS; the number on waiting lists in by county, by team and by length of time, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

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.

Recruitment campaign and NSP development posts

- The recruitment embargo in 2024, coupled with ongoing recruitment challenges not only faced by CAHMS but across the health sector as a whole, saw the number of staff fall in 2024. However, as part of the National Service Plan 2024, plus an additional €10m revenue funding provided by the Minister for Mental Health, 99 new CAMHS posts were secured in 2024 that are currently being recruited. Of these 99 new WTE, 58.6% (58 WTE) have commenced, 15.2% (15 WTE) are in final stages of recruitment with the remainder currently active within earlier stages of the recruitment process. As part of the 2025 National Service Plan, 27 additional post were secured and these are currently being recruited also.
- Investment in child and youth mental health services continues to be a priority for the HSE. The HSE has increased staffing in community CAMHS from 464.24 Whole Time Equivalents (WTEs) in December 2011 to 843.87 at the end of July 2025. This is an increase of just over 81.8% (379.63 WTEs) over the last 13 years in the community child and adolescent mental health services, not accounting for natural attrition.
- The HSE continues in its efforts to recruit into replacement posts and to new posts approved under the National Service Plans 2024 and 2025. A dedicated recruitment promotion campaign has been developed to further support recruitment and to attract staff to work in these services <https://careerhub.hse.ie/camhs/>



CAMHS Wait List by Region

CAMHS wait list @ end of June 2025	Total waiting to be seen	<= 12 weeks No.	> 12 <= 26 weeks No	>26 <=39 weeks No	>39 <=52 Weeks No	>52 Weeks No
National Total	4,424	1,540	1,020	747	405	712
HSE Dublin & Midlands	815	291	219	131	63	111
HSE Dublin & North East	1,064	262	265	196	125	216
HSE Dublin & South East	625	348	167	78	22	10
HSE Mid West	189	74	36	33	29	17
HSE South West	1,016	224	178	171	111	332
HSE West & North West	715	341	155	138	55	26

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

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