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PQ Number: 49473/23
PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for CAMHS services in County Wicklow; the number of children on the waiting list broken down by wait times; and if he will make a statement on the matter- Jennifer Whitmore

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Dear Deputy Whitmore,

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.

CAMHS provide specialist mental health services to those aged up to 18 years, who have reached the threshold for a diagnosis of moderate to severe mental health disorder that require the input of multi-disciplinary mental health teams.

Due to the ongoing FORSA industrial action, the table below provides the latest available information on the number of children and young people waiting to be seen by CAMHS as at end of **August 2023**. Please be advised that this data is preliminary and subject to change and amendment pending ongoing review and validation. Age range is not captured.

Please be advised that CAMHS services in Co. Wicklow cross two CHO areas: CHO 6 (Community Healthcare East) and CHO 7 (Dublin South Kildare and West Wicklow).

	Total waiting to be seen	<= 12 weeks No.	> 12 <= 26 weeks No	>26 <=39 weeks No	>39 <=52 Weeks No	>52 Weeks No
CHO 6	512	233	125	82	42	30
CHO 7	428	218	122	29	21	38

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Hennessy
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