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Deputy Jennifer Whitmore.
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Number: 49474/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an assessment with CAMHS; including the number of children waiting longer than six months in each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Jennifer Whitmore

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.

	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	3,911	1,447	942	511	304	707
CHO 1	320	142	79	57	34	8
CHO 2	246	97	65	27	22	35
CHO 3	315	96	78	45	17	79
CHO 4	950	197	187	116	93	357
CHO 5	240	75	60	40	20	45
CHO 6	512	233	125	82	42	30
CHO 7	428	218	122	29	21	38
CHO 8	700	300	148	82	55	115
CHO 9	200	89	78	33	0	0



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah Hennessy'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a loop at the end of the 'y'.

Sarah Hennessy
General Manager
National Mental Health Services