

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

Deputy Holly Cairns,  
 Dáil Éireann,  
 Dublin 2

**PQ Number: 42794 / 20**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults currently on waiting lists to see a psychiatrist in each of the HSE regions in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

Mental Health Services in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare aim to promote and protect the mental health of the population and to provide effective services to those who need them. Our services have a strong focus on recovery and co-production and have consistently sought to develop and enhance community based services and reduce, where appropriate, those treated in more acute services.

Services for Adults are provided through General Adult Community Mental Health Teams. All teams are multidisciplinary with Medical, Nursing, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Psychology and Administration Staff. Teams are led by Consultants in Psychiatry.

All referrals received to Mental Health Services are triaged in a timely manner and the referral is either accepted or rejected at that point. I wish to outline that the KPI data collected within our service is not reported by discipline but is collected by sector based team. With this in mind, you might note that the information you have requested is not available in the format requested however I have provided the wait list data appropriate to these sector based teams

The following table provides an overview of referrals received and accepted by individual community mental health teams for Cork Adult Mental Health Services as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020:

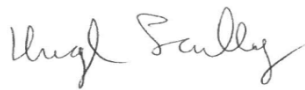
Community Mental Health Team	Referrals	Accepted
Bandon/Kinsale	16	14
Bishopstown/Ballincollig	23	23

City North East	38	38
City North West	32	32
City South East	25	18
City South West	24	16
Cobh Glenville	31	28
Douglas/Carrigaline	49	40
Fermoy	30	26
Kanturk	13	13
Mallow	19	17
Macroom Blarney	0	0
Midleton Youghal	33	23
West Cork	41	41
<b>Cork - General Adult</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>329</b>

Of the 342 referrals accepted by General Adult Community Mental Health Teams in Cork, 251 (76%) were seen within 3 months, 72 (22%) were offered an appointment within 3 months however did not attend, and the remaining 6 (2%) were offered an appointment outside of 3 months but in line with the priority of the referral. With that in mind, there are no accepted referrals waiting to be assigned an appointment to be seen by Cork Adult Mental Health Services.

I trust this clarifies the query raised.

Kind regards,




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