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Deputy Patricia Ryan
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for urgent and non-urgent patients that are waiting on an appointment with the child and adolescent mental health services in County Kildare; his plans to improve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ryan

The HSE have been asked to respond directly to your question.

Linn Dara CAMHS Teams currently operate across 7 Community Teams based across South Dublin, Kildare & West Wicklow. Over the past few years the service has developed a specialist ADHD pathway team, a Mental Health Intellectual Disability service for Dublin/Kildare and a specialist regional Eating Disorder team.

Linn Dara also operate a Paediatric Liaison Service in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and our Inpatient CAMHS (22+2) Bed unit at Cherry Orchard Hospital, including 8 specialist eating disorder beds.

Linn Dara CAMHS currently operate four community teams serving the Kildare area based in Celbridge, Clane, Kildare Town and Naas. Each service will screen referrals on arrival to determine the required input. Linn Dara CAMHS operate under the national standard operational procedures for CAMHS services and as such we would see Emergency referrals within 24 hours, Urgent referrals within 72 hours and Routine referrals within 12 weeks depending on service demand.

In the Kildare catchment area there are currently 39 young people on our waiting list. Due to a larger than normal referral rate in Kildare and the extra added pressure on service demand, there are some young people waiting over 12 months. The Linn Dara management team are working closely with our teams to address this backlog.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or should require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Kevin Brady".

Kevin Brady
Head of Mental Health