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Deputy Jim O'Callaghan.
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Number: 54520/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment as of 1 December 2023 or the latest date available; and the number waiting less than 6, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months. -Jim O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan

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 service 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 a 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.

Aug 2023	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	3,891	1,401	941	549	344	656
CHO 1	294	122	86	46	35	5
CHO 2	233	79	51	34	30	39
CHO 3	297	87	82	46	19	63
CHO 4	937	215	164	122	88	348
CHO 5	254	76	65	44	32	37
CHO 6	604	259	157	118	48	22
CHO 7	417	203	119	49	19	27
CHO 8	695	285	150	73	72	115
CHO 9	160	75	67	17	1	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
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