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**PQ Number: 13788/24**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the average and longest waiting time for a child to see a CAMHS professional in each county in the past three years; and the number of children on waiting lists for CAMHS, by county, in each of the past ten years. - Peadar Tóibín**

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Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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.

Please be advised that the information requested by the Deputy is already available publically in tabular form and can be found by consulting with the HSE Performance Reports which can be found here: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/>

Please see link below which provides CAMHS waiting list data for end of each quarter in **2014**

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/d14par.pdf>

Please see link below which provides CAMHS waiting list data for end of each quarter in **2015**

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/dec15pr.pdf>

Please see link below which provides CAMHS waiting list data for end of each quarter in **2016**



<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/october-december-performance-report-2016.pdf>

Please see link below which provides CAMHS waiting list data for end of each quarter in 2017

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/october-to-december-2017-performance-report.pdf>

Please see link below which provides CAMHS waiting list data for end of each quarter in 2018

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/2018-performance-reports.html>

Please see link below which provides CAMHS waiting list data for end of year 2019.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/2019-performance-reports.html>

Please see link below which provides CAMHS waiting list data for end of year 2020.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/2020-performance-reports.html>

Please see link below which provides CAMHS waiting list data for end of each quarter in 2021.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/2021-performance-reports.html>

Please see link below which provides CAMHS waiting list data for end of each quarter in 2022.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/2022-performance-reports.html>

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.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/performance-profile-july-to-september-2023.pdf>



**Waiting list data as of February 2024**

CAMHS W/L @ Feb 2024	Total waiting to be seen	<= 12 weeks No.	> 12 <= 26 weeks No	>26 <=39 weeks No	>39 <=52 Weeks No	>52 Weeks No
<b>National Total</b>	3,882	1,669	863	485	329	536
CHO 1	253	134	69	28	21	1
CHO 2	210	138	46	19	6	1
CHO 3	210	95	36	22	36	21
CHO 4	1,003	201	168	166	145	323
CHO 5	218	80	61	24	18	35
CHO 6	462	258	119	57	22	6
CHO 7	495	260	125	56	31	23
CHO 8	789	379	162	78	44	126
CHO 9	242	124	77	35	6	0

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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