

1st May, 2024

Ms. Holly Cairns, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 14286/24.

“To ask the Minister for Health the psychology waiting-list numbers and exact wait-times in months for children and adolescents in the North Lee, South Lee, North Cork and Kerry primary care services, in tabular form.”

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.

Waiting times	Numbers waiting				
	South Lee	North Lee	North Cork	West Cork	Kerry
0 – 3 months	136	83	75	53	126
3 – 6 months	152	156	66	52	54
6 – 9 months	144	164	72	40	72
9 – 12 months	156	169	64	43	61
> 12 months	1044	959	356	176	312

I acknowledge that this timeframe for such a service is less than desirable, and I apologise for same. This is as a consequence to a number of factors including a growth in demand for services and also the implications of resource deficit due to the present recruitment embargo. Efforts to increase resources throughout and reduce waiting times are indeed our top priority. We are actively working on strategies to address resources allocation, validation of waiting lists, streamlining processes and optimising existing workloads, ultimately working towards providing timely access for all to services.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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