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“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 CAMHS services, in tabular form”

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

Below is a table providing an overview of the waitlist figures categorised by area as of February 2024.

CAMHS Team	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	<15 Months
CAMHS Cork North Central	21	13	18	15	1	0
CAMHS North Kerry	14	6	14	11	5	16
CAMHS South Kerry	22	2	24	3	4	1
CAMHS North Cork	26	47	29	31	18	110
CAMHS North Lee East	28	16	14	12	10	0
CAMHS North Lee West	7	13	20	7	7	9
CAMHS West Cork	14	13	11	9	4	4
CAMHS South Lee 1	10	20	16	14	10	26
CAMHS South Lee 2	9	10	2	21	13	2
CAMHS South Lee 3	28	23	18	22	18	65

We regret that young people cannot always access the CAMHS service as quickly as they or we would like. Management in Cork Kerry Mental Health Services are actively taking every measure to acquire the necessary resources, clinical and otherwise, to ensure a quality service for the children going forward.

Recruitment challenges have faced several CAMHS teams in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare which, in turn, has affected waiting time targets. Local, national and international efforts are continuing in order to ensure that all available avenues are being explored to provide a staffing compliment for CAMHS services. We wish to reassure young people and their families that urgent cases are responded to on a priority basis. Referrals to CAMHS are prioritised according to their acuity and severity



I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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