

14th February, 2024

Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 56440/23

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of face-to-face clinical appointments offered by each senior clinical psychologist in the north Lee child and adolescent primary care psychology service at the end of each month in 2023; the number of staff reporting to each senior clinical psychologist at the end of each month of 2023; and the number of people on the waiting-list of the service at the end of each month of 2023, in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

The Primary Care Child, Adolescent & Family Psychology Service in North Lee is based in Blackpool and St. Mary’s Primary Care Centre and provide a service to children and adolescents from 0-18 years of age in the North Lee and North Cork areas.

Table 1 below displays:

- The number of contacts undertaken by the available staffing for each month across senior, staff and psychology assistant grades. ***Please note data is not available/recorded by individual clinician***
- The number of new referrals received each month
- The number of children on waiting list at the end of each month across 2023

TABLE 1:

North Lee PC Child, Adolescent & Family Psychology Service (2023)	No. of Clinical Appointments (Child)	No. of New Referrals pcm (Child) Total = 634 Mean=53	No. on Waitlist at end of each month (Child)
January	53	20	885
February	65	48	968
March	57	53	1083
April	90	56	1093
May	104	58	1147
June	95	75	1001
July	79	67	1160
August	53	35	1156
September	47	53	1184
October	84	61	1251
November	108	66	1363
December	68	42	1362

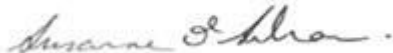
The staffing allocated to and the number available to North Lee Primary Care Child, Adolescent & Family Psychology Service in 2023 is shown in Table 2:

TABLE 2:

Staff Grade	LHO	Allocated WTE Level	Available WTE Across Jan – Dec 2023
Senior Psychologist	North Lee	1.0	1.0
Staff Grade Psychologist	North Lee	3.4	Range Zero – 1
Psychology Assistant	North Lee	5	2.0

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

Yours sincerely,



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