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Deputy Cairns,  
Dáil Éireann,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 29584/24 To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who were on the child psychology primary care waiting list but aged out of the service, from 2018 to date, by CHO and LHO, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

**- Holly Cairns**

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Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (29584/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Primary care psychology is a large provider of psychological services at primary/community level in Ireland. The service grew out of hospital and community care models which are largely one-to-one assessment and intervention models. Today, it provides a range of services of varying intensity, encompassing education, prevention, early intervention and a range of treatments. It also plays a key role in signposting and escalation to secondary and tertiary services, both in psychology and across other disciplines.

Information in relation to the number of people who were on the child psychology primary care waiting list but have aged out of the service is not routinely collated. The majority of CHO's have some level of adult/lifespan services. In areas where adult or lifespan psychology services exist, it would be normal practice for 18-year-olds to remain on the service waitlist but be seen as adults. In many cases, where adult/lifespan services do not exist CHO's will try and prioritise service before the child ages out.



I trust this is of assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seán McArt', written in a cursive style.

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**Seán McArt**  
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