

24th June, 2024

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

PQ ref 25194/24

“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question 204 of 22 May 2024, what data of clinical activity are recorded by individual psychologists of the CHO 4 primary care services; if the information in table 1 of the response refers to both individual and group client sessions; and if he could clarify if the figures cited in Table 1 of the response are limited to clinical sessions with clients or include other forms of contact such as phone calls.”

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.

The individual staff reports are compiled into a total of all clinical contacts (in-person / remote individual or group based) which are included in monthly Corporate Information Facility (CIF) returns by LHO by the Senior/Principal Psychologist completing CIF each month.

The data requested from staff for the monthly CIF return is entered as either In-Person or remotely offered intervention, each being appropriate planned intervention to client need.

No. of Direct Contacts (Individual & Group Attended) May 2023 to May 2024			
South Lee	North Lee	North Cork	West Cork
177	104	190	175
146	95	75	91
154	79	46	133
69	53	49	145
82	64	100	137
104	84	227	103
92	108	23	154
67	68	63.5	116
78	96	118	96
147	90	256	122
51	63	203	81
91	105	155	126

The figures shown in Table 1 above in response to PQ 23257/24 may include 1:1 clinical activity conducted by phone, in person, and online, as well as group-based clinical activity conducted in-person and/or on-line, dependent on service activities in a given month.

Please note that CIF returns are limited to a nationally agreed minimum data set of specific activity required to be undertaken by psychology staff across the skill-mix in each month.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Priscilla Lynch', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Priscilla Lynch
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