



9<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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

**PQ ref 27530/24**

***“To ask the Minister for Health the number of clients referred to the north Lee, south Lee, west Cork and north Cork child and adolescent mental health psychology services for each of the years 2020 to 2023, 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.

Within Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), referrals are made to the multidisciplinary team (MDT) as a whole, rather than specifically to a discipline. As part of the MDT, Psychology contributes to initial assessments and ongoing therapeutic interventions, which may include individual or family work and group sessions facilitated or co-facilitated by Psychology.

CAMHS Mental Health Services within Cork Kerry Community Healthcare do not gather the data that is being requested, additionally the collaborative MDT approach often means that services users benefit from psychological input without being specifically referred to Psychology at the outset.

The table below outlines the overall referrals to CAMHS Multi-disciplinary teams.

Mental Health Services CHO4	Team	2020	2021	2022	2023
No. of child / adolescent referrals (including re-referred) -	Cork North Central	106	110	106	130
No. of child / adolescent referrals (including re-referred) -	North Cork	261	209	205	185
No. of child / adolescent referrals (including re-referred) -	North Lee East	130	83	116	161
No. of child / adolescent referrals (including re-referred) -	North Lee West	174	121	126	102
No. of child / adolescent referrals (including re-referred) -	South Lee / West Cork	149	156	140	156
No. of child / adolescent referrals (including re-referred) -	South Lee 1	188	130	194	78
No. of child / adolescent referrals (including re-referred) -	South Lee 2	87	83	91	52
No. of child / adolescent referrals (including re-referred) -	South Lee 3	118	197	103	117



I trust the above clarifies the queries raised. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Vincent Goggin', written over a horizontal line.

**Mr. Vincent Goggin**  
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