

**Deputy Pearse Doherty
Leinster House
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2**

18th November 2024

Re: PQ 45756/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in Donegal that have been turned down for CAMHS over the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty

Dear Deputy Doherty,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the above received to this office on 4th November 2024. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position of Donegal Mental Health Service (DMHS).

Please see below details of the number of referrals which were not accepted by CAMHS for the time period from January to September 2024. These referrals were not accepted due to the fact they did not meet the criteria for CAMHS referrals i.e. have a diagnosis of a moderate to severe mental health disorder.

	North Donegal	South Donegal	Inishowen
Referrals not accepted	54	133	53
DMHS Total	240		

I trust this information is of assistance to you however, should you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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