

**Deputy Brendan Smith  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2**

**11<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Re: PQ 45757/24**

*To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be implemented to reduce unacceptable delays in children accessing services provided by CAMHS in Cavan and Monaghan – Brendan Smith*

Dear Deputy Smith

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the above received to this office on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024. 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.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position of Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service (CMMHS).

At 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 there were one hundred and twenty-three Children and Adolescents on the waiting list for Cavan Monaghan Child & Adolescents Mental Health service (CAMHS). Through a targeted and focused programme, supported by additional resources provided through the HSE CAMHS waiting list initiative, the number of Children and Adolescents waiting on a CM CAMHS service at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 was one.

All clinically urgent referrals to CM CAMHS are seen within seventy-two hours and all referrals to CM CAMHS are triaged and seen according to clinical urgency.

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

Yours sincerely



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