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To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the significant waiting times for mental health services in County Kildare, particularly for young people; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cronin,

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

All cases referred for Adult Mental Health services are triaged by the Adult Community Mental Health team and if the referral is appropriate, an outpatient assessment appointment would be offered to determine their mental health needs. Average wait times for a first appointment vary, but are less than 3 months for non-urgent cases.

Please see table below for Kildare West Wicklow Mental Health Adult wait times. Please note in some sectors there are 2 Consultants:

Sector	Average Wait Time
North West Kilcock	8 weeks
Mid-West Kildare Town	11 weeks
Mid-North Celbridge	12 weeks
North-East Celbridge	13 weeks
Mid-East	5-6 weeks
Psychiatry of later life	7.5 months
South Kildare West Wicklow	8-9 weeks

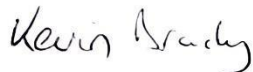
When CAMHS receives a referral, the team will review the referral information to determine which category a person would fall in to, with urgent cases given priority. A letter provided by CAMHS to the referrer will provide an estimated waiting time for a first appointment.

Please see table below CAMHS current wait times:

Community Team	Waiting List	Longest Waiting	Open Caseload	Referrals YTD	WTE
CAMHS ID Kildare	3	3-6 Months	37	35	2.1
Kildare East	72	21-24 Months	180	271	8.3
Kildare North	10	3-6 Months	193	235	9.1
Kildare South	40	6-9 Months	276	275	8.9
Kildare West	27	9-12 Months	111	176	7
South Kildare West Wicklow	21	9-12 Months	177	134	8.1

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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