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Deputy Alan Farrell,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

PQ 42950/24 – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for an appointment with CAMHS in CH09; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”
Alan Farrell TD

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

CAMHS Waiting List Overview as of 1st November 2024

The total number of children awaiting an appointment with CAMHS Dublin North City and County is 372.

- 61% (227) of these young people are waiting 6 months or less for their appointments.
- 7 young people (2%) in the Ballymun/Finglas CAMHS team are currently experiencing waits of over 1 year.

This increase in waiting times is largely due to staffing departures and a high referral rate, which have put significant pressure on the service.

National CAMHS Waiting List Initiative (2025)

In response to these challenges, the CAMHS DNCC will participate in the National CAMHS Waiting List Initiative in 2025. This initiative will provide additional resources aimed at measurably reducing waiting times for young people seeking mental health support.

Ballymun/Finglas CAMHS will be a key component of this initiative, with the goal of improving the timeliness and accessibility of services for the local community in 2025.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

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

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