



31st January 2025

Deputy Jennifer Whitmore  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

PQ 1387/25 To ask the Minister for Health for details of wait times for CAMHS  
Services in Wicklow for Q3 and Q4 of 2024

Dear Deputy Whitmore,

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

St John of God Community Mental Health, Lucena Services have two Child and Adolescent Community Mental Health (CAMHS) teams within East Wicklow. These include the Bray and Wicklow CAMHS teams. In 2024 Lucena Services engaged in a waitlist initiative which focused on managing waitlist and seeing those young people waiting the longest. The waitlist initiative involved the employment of staff on fixed term contracts for a duration of 12 months. The tables below summarise the data for both CAMHS teams. Currently all young people are being offered an appointment as per the CAMHS Operational Guidelines 2019. Please note for those waiting for an appointment greater than 3 months, this is best explained by the increased demand for CAMHS post covid-19 and the current lack of staffing resources across these two teams. This is in the context of the HSE Control Environment and associated Pay and Numbers Strategy.

**Table 1: Bray CAMHS**

Month	0-3 Months	3-6 months	6-9 months	Totals
July 24	47	10	1	58
August 24	54	10	1	65
September 24	23	1	0	24
October 24	27	1	0	28
November 24	25	1	0	26
December 24	29	0	0	29



**Table 2: Wicklow CAMHS**

<b>Month</b>	<b>0-3 Months</b>	<b>3-6 months</b>	<b>6-9 months</b>	<b>9-12 months</b>	<b>Totals</b>
July 24	50	20	10	0	80
August 24	34	29	4	2	69
September 24	18	19	4	3	44
October 24	23	10	1	0	34
November 24	29	5	0	0	34
December 24	22	0	0	0	22

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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