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Ms. Margaret Corroon  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ Ref 9553/24**

To ask the Minister for Health how many psychologists are employed by CAMHs in the Meath area; how many psychologists are working in CAMHs in the Meath area; the size of the waiting list for access to CAMHs services in the Meath area, the average time waiting to secure an appointment with a psychologist in the Meath area; the average waiting time to access CAMHs services in the Meath area in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Dear Ms. Corroon,

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 outlined the position as follows.

Please be advised of the details below in relation to the four Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Teams. Of note, there are CAMHS Teams shared across Louth and Meath that address the population demands of County Meath and in relation to the Drogheda area that may be included in Co. Meath.

PQ 9553/24	Navan CAMHS Team	Ashbourne CAMHS Team	South Louth / East Meath CAMHS Team	Trim CAMHS Team
How many Psychologists are employed by CAMHS in the Meath area	1 Senior Psychologist	1 Senior Psychologist: post currently vacant	1 Senior Psychologist	1 Senior Psychologist: post currently vacant
How many Psychologists are working in CAMHS in the Meath area	1 Senior Psychologist	0	1 Senior Psychologist	0
The size of the waiting list for access to CAMHS services in the Meath Area	54	173	54	78
The average time waiting to secure an appointment with a Psychologist	Since 2021 to date in 2024, there have been fewer than ten children who have had to wait to be seen by a	No internal waitlist as post currently vacant.	No internal waitlist as post holder on sick leave.	No internal waitlist as post currently vacant



in the Meath area	psychologist and there have been fewer than five children waiting more than one month from receipt of an internal psychology referral to be seen.			
The average waiting time to access the CAMHS services in the Meath Area in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024	Since 2020 to date in 2024, urgent appointments are seen in one to two days. Since 2020 to date in 2024, routine appointments are seen in four to thirteen weeks.	Since 2020 to date in 2024, urgent appointments are seen in one to two days. Since 2020 to date in 2024, routine appointments are seen in four to thirteen weeks.	Since 2020 to date in 2024, urgent appointments are seen in one to two days. Since 2020 to date in 2024, routine appointments are seen in four to thirteen weeks.	Since 2020 to date in 2024, urgent appointments are seen in one to two days. Since 2020 to date in 2024, routine appointments are seen in four to thirteen weeks.

I trust the above is in order. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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