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Deputy James Browne TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

PQ 47093/18 Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds provided to the public inpatient CAMHS units nationwide; if any of the beds have been closed at any stage during the year; if so, the details of same; and the number of bed days lost in 2018 from such closures -James Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

Bed capacity in CAMHS In-Patient Units is currently operating at 44 of 72 in-patient beds nationally as of 28<sup>th</sup> of January. Bed capacity in the past twelve months was reduced due to a number of factors, including difficulty in sourcing required staffing levels and complexity of presenting cases.

There are currently 72 CAMHS inpatient beds across four inpatient units in Galway Cork and Dublin. The new Children's Hospital due to open in 2021 will have an additional 20 beds. There are also plans for an additional 10 CAMHS Forensic Beds in the New Forensic Hospital due to open in 2020 bringing the total number of inpatient beds for CAMHS to 102.

Current CAMHS In-Patient Units capacity:

Unit Name	Unit Location	Current Number of Registered beds with MHC	Actual Capacity/ Number of Beds	Primary Catchment Area
Eist Linn	Cork CHO4	20	18*	CHO4 & CHO5
Merlin Park	Galway CHO2	20	20	CHO1(a) Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal, CHO2, CHO3.
Linn Dara	West Dublin CHO7	24 (22+2 High Obs)	22**	CHO6, CHO7, CHO8(a) Laois/Offaly/Longford/Westmeath.
St.	North Dublin	12	12	CHO9, CHO1 (b) (Cavan/Monaghan),

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Joseph's	CHO9		CHO8(b) (Louth/Meath).
<b>Total</b>			<b>72</b>

\*In 2018 Eist Linn Unit converted a shared bedroom (2 beds) to alternative space required in the unit.

\*\*Only 22 beds are operational at any given time.

At present, due to Complexity of a number of cases - including admission of older teenagers with high risk behaviours in units with extremely vulnerable young people, there is significant impact on functioning of units with bed/unit closures. In addition some young people currently require 3:1, 2:1 and 1:1 specials in both inpatient and hospital settings.

However while we currently have 72 CAMHS beds operationally we never have access to all of these. Currently there are 40 young people in CAMHS inpatient beds nationally. The in-patient unit in Galway is closed to new admissions presently following admission of a complex case and adverse incident. In Dublin an 11 bed unit is occupied with one young person who requires discharge to an appropriate Social Care service.

Eist Linn in Cork recently increased current capacity following recruitment of a locum consultant.

Month	Facility	Registered Beds	Total Operational Beds	Admitted	Occupancy
		<b>20 Max Beds</b>			
Dec 17	Eist Linn	620	558	419	68%
Jan 18	Eist Linn	620	558	375	60%
Feb	Eist Linn	560	462	331	59%
Mar	Eist Linn	620	434	415	67%
Apr	Eist Linn	600	420	342	57%
May	Eist Linn	620	346	282	45%
Jun	Eist Linn	600	300	228	38%
Jul	Eist Linn	620	310	310	33%
Aug	Eist Linn	620	310	290	47%
Sep	Eist Linn	600	300	220	37%
Oct	Eist Linn	620	410	312	50%
Nov	Eist Linn	600	540	329	55%

Month	Facility	Registered Beds	Total Operational Beds	Admitted	Occupancy
		<b>22 Max Beds ( plus 2 high</b>			

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		Obs beds)			
Dec 17	Linn Dara	744	620	580	91%
Jan 18	Linn Dara	744	713	676	91%
Feb	Linn Dara	672	621	529	79%
Mar	Linn Dara	744	620	466	63%
May	Linn Dara	720	690	555	77%
Jun	Linn Dara	720	690	338	47%
Jul	Linn Dara	744	713	346	47%
Aug	Linn Dara	744	623	349	47%
Sep	Linn Dara	720	390	353	49%
Oct	Linn Dara	744	403	402	54%
Nov	Linn Dara	720	420	417	58%

\* No Apr Data for Linn Dara

Month	Facility	Registered Beds	Total Operational Beds	Admitted	Occupancy
		20 Max beds			
Dec 17	Merlin Park	620	620	580	94%
Jan 18	Merlin Park	620	620	566	91%
Feb	Merlin Park	560	560	476	85%
Mar	Merlin Park	620	620	536	86%
Apr	Merlin Park	600	575	532	89%
May	Merlin Park	620	620	547	88%
Jun	Merlin Park	600	600	492	82%
Jul	Merlin Park	620	620	510	82%
Aug	Merlin Park	620	620	496	80%
Sep	Merlin Park	600	447	422	70%
Oct	Merlin	620	341	341	55%

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	Park				
Nov	Merlin Park	560	308	291	52%

Month	Facility	Registered Beds	Total Operational Beds	Admitted	Occupancy
		<b>12 Max Beds</b>			
Dec 17	St Josephs	372	290	246	66%
Jan 18	St Josephs	372	310	262	70%
Feb	St Josephs	336	280	257	76%
Mar	St Josephs	372	310	287	77%
Apr	St Josephs	360	300	289	80%
May	St Josephs	372	310	225	60%
Jun	St Josephs	360	300	190	53%
Jul	St Josephs	372	310	177	48%
Aug	St Josephs	372	310	165	44%
Sep	St Josephs	360	300	225	63%
Oct	St Josephs	372	310	261	70%
Nov	St Josephs	360	300	235	65%

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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