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Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2.

PQ 16216/19 Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting for psychiatric beds; the number of those in prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Richard Boyd Barrett

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

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.

The number of patients currently waiting on a psychiatric bed within the National Forensic Service is 37 as of the 5th April, 2019.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sinead Reynolds

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