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Deputy Mattie McGrath TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ Number: 50230/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults that have been supported by his Department in accessing mental health treatments abroad in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mattie McGrath**

Dear Deputy McGrath

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 based on the information currently available the following outlines the position.

In 2016 – Data not currently available for this year

In 2017 - total number of new referrals for mental health treatment abroad = 3

In 2018 - total number of new referrals for mental health treatment abroad = 4

In 2019 - total number of new referrals for mental health treatment abroad = 2

All of the treatment was funded by the HSE. Data is supplied by HSE Mental Health and does not include referrals made directly through the Treatment Abroad Scheme who are funded separately by the Dept of Health.

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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