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**Deputy James Browne,
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31048/19

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units in 2018 to date in 2019 and if he will make a statement on the matter. -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 latest currently available data outlines the position as at end June.

The running total of child admissions to all adult units from 01 January to 30 June 2019 is 32, and the number of children admitted to adult units in 2018 was 84.

The HSE is committed to age appropriate placement and to the minimisation of the number of admissions of children to adult units, while acknowledging that, in exceptional circumstances, it will continue to be necessary, where there is a clear clinical imperative, to admit a small number of children to adult units, for the shortest time possible.

All admissions of young people under the age of 18 years are notified to the Mental Health Commission in accordance with regulations. All such admissions are also notified to a National CAMHS Lead Manager within Mental 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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