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**Deputy James Browne,
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2.**

24039/19

PQ To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units
Question: between 1 January 2019 and 31 May 2019 -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 available data outlines the position.

	Total 2018	Total YTD 2019
	84	
Total		25

HSE mental health services are committed to age appropriate inpatient mental health treatment 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.

Children are admitted to adult units only after efforts to place them in Child and Adolescent In Patient Units are unsuccessful due to capacity or clinical needs. 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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