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Deputy Aengus O'Snodaigh
Dail Eireann
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Dublin 2

PQ44810/19 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed spaces available at the Linn Dara CAMHS unit in Cherry Orchard Hospital. The number of admissions and average length of stay per patient in the past five years; the waiting list for services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Snodaigh,

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 made enquiries in relation to your question and respond as follows;

The Linn Dara Child and Adolescent Service operates across South Dublin, Kildare & West Wicklow. The current structure of the Linn Dara Service consists of the following:

- 7 multidisciplinary community mental health teams. Each multidisciplinary team operates under the clinical direction of a Consultant Child Psychiatrist,
- 1 national specialist eating disorder multidisciplinary team.
- MHID team and ADHD treatment programme
- 1 Regional Approved Centre providing Specialist Inpatient Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services: The unit operates 22 beds and 2 high support beds.

The number of admissions in the past five years is as follows;

2019 - 113 (January to October)

2018 - 69

2017 - 66

2016 - 110 (New Linn Dara CAMHS unit opened in December 2015)

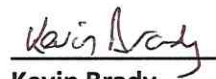
2015 - 83

The average length of stay per patient in the past five years (discharged in each year) is as follows;
2019 – 43.3 days (January to October)
2018 - 70.2 days
2017 - 89.3 days
2016 - 62.2 days (New Linn Dara CAMHS unit opened in December 2015)
2015 - 50.1 days

The waiting list for services as of today is;
1 young person waiting to be admitted
5 young people in the process of being assessed for admission

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or should require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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