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PQ 30118/20

To ask the Minister for Health the capacity at the department of psychiatry in Kilkenny; the number of beds available; the number of beds occupied by patients from County Tipperary; the number of percentage of patients from County Tipperary cared for in the department of psychiatry in each of the years 2012 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.


The Department of Psychiatry has a 44 bed capacity. There were 19 patients from County Tipperary admitted to the Department of Psychiatry (15/10/20).

The table below shows the number of admissions to the Department of Psychiatry (please note that this information is only captured in admission figures not per patient.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Admissions</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>2012</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>27%</i>
<i>2013</i>	<i>259</i>	<i>35%</i>
<i>2014</i>	<i>264</i>	<i>36%</i>
<i>2015</i>	<i>242</i>	<i>37%</i>
<i>2016</i>	<i>262</i>	<i>42%</i>
<i>2017</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>39%</i>
<i>2018</i>	<i>288</i>	<i>43%</i>
<i>2019</i>	<i>318</i>	<i>42%</i>
<i>2020 – 15/10/20</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>39%</i>

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Heffernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct loop at the end of the name.

David Heffernan
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