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20th October 2020,
Deputy David Cullinane,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ Number: 31403/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of baseline adult psychiatric beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 outlines the position.

	Q2 - 2020		2019		2018		2017		2016	
	Units	Beds	Units	Beds	Units	Beds	Units	Beds	Units	Beds
CHO 1	3	91	3	91	3	91	3	91	179	89
CHO 2	3	104	3	104	3	104	3	99	195	99
CHO 3	2	76	2	81	2	81	2	89	176	89
CHO 4	5	171	5	171	5	167	5	171	337	171
CHO 5	2	88	2	88	2	88	2	88	174	88
CHO 6	3	79	3	105	3	113	3	116	229	91
CHO 7	3	138	3	138	3	138	3	136	269	142
CHO 8	4	109	4	112	4	112	4	112	220	112
CHO 9	4	139	4	139	4	130	4	137	270	137
National	29	995	29	1,029	29	1,024	29	1,039	29	1,018

It is recommended that approved centres operate at 85%, however there are times when they operate above this. Capacity increases or decreases based on the needs of the population and it is important that units maintain capacity to respond to urgent cases.

In terms of projected bed numbers for the end of 2020, we project that this number will be very similar to the end of Q2 2020 (995) as this number has been lowered in response to Covid 19 and the health and safety/ IPC demands associated with this. Projection for 2021 is difficult to predict currently as it will depend on progress in relation to the Covid 19 pandemic.



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I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sinead Reynolds'.

Dr Sinead Reynolds
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