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To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients with mental health difficulties presenting to South Tipperary General Hospital emergency department over the past two years; the numbers of patients transferred to the department of psychiatry in Kilkenny; 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.

Year	Number of assessments - Emergency Department, South Tipperary General Hospital	Number transferred to Department of Psychiatry, Kilkenny
2018	557	96
2019	724	136

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

Yours sincerely,

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