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Mr Mark Ward
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

RE: PQ 19099/21

Dear Deputy Ward

I write in response to the PQ below, please find the response underneath the PQ:

PQ 19099/21 - *To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have presented to the accident and emergency department in Tallaght Hospital with suicidal ideation; the number of the patients that voluntarily left the hospital after triage without been seen by a psychiatrist; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Deputy Mark Ward

I wish to inform you that in 2020, 700 patients attended the Emergency Department with suicidal ideation. Of these 20 patients did not wait to be seen. If a patient does not wait to be seen, the ED team will contact the appropriate community team to ensure the patient access the required support.

Yours sincerely

MR JOHN KELLY
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE