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May 6th 2021,
Deputy David Cullinane
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ Number: 19835/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of prisoners that have been transferred to the Central Mental Hospital in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

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 response.

In response to your query which requested information about the number of transfers of prisoners to the Central Mental Hospital in the past 12 months. The total admissions between 6th May 2020 and 6th May 2021 are 13. There were 8 male admissions and 5 female admissions.

The CMH is currently operating at 94 inpatient beds which is reduced from its usual capacity of 103 inpatient beds. This reduction was agreed with the MHC in order to allow us to open a 10 bedded isolation unit to manage suspected cases of COVID-19.

The new National Forensic Mental Health facility is currently at an advanced stage of construction. The facility will provide 170 beds in a modern and fit for purpose Hospital in Portrane. This development is the largest single Mental Health Project ever in this country and will provide for an increased number of beds and range of services provided.

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

Yours sincerely,

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