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

PQ
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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of prisoners currently awaiting transfer to the Central Mental Hospital; the length of time in days each of the prisoners has been awaiting transfer; 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 position.

There are currently 13 men on the waiting list for admission to the Central Mental Hospital from prisons nationally.

The average length of time on the waiting list in days is 29 (4.1 weeks), with a range from 18.0 to 571.0 (2.6 to 81.6 weeks). (Median 186.0 days or 26.6 weeks).

There are currently no women awaiting admission from prison.

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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