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PQ 5603/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Tipperary who have been admitted to the department of psychiatry services in St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny since 2012; If all recommendations made by the European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment Report 2020 will be implemented at St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Lowry,

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.

The table below shows the number of admissions to the Department of Psychiatry (this information is only collated in admission figures not per patient).

Year	Number of Admissions
2012	163
2013	259
2014	264
2015	242
2016	262
2017	255
2018	288
2019	318
2020	226
2021 (26/01/21)	12

The SECH Mental Health Service welcomes the publication of the report of the "European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment Report 2020".

I can confirm that to date the SECH Mental Health Service in 2019 and 2020 have funded restorative and refurbishment works (including anti ligature mitigation measures) to the cost of €1.2M Euros.

In addition the SECH Mental Health Service have provided additional staffing resources to the Dept of Psychiatry to assist with the general upkeep of the outside areas identified in the European Committee Report.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Siobhan Turner'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Siobhan Turner
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