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Dail Eireann,
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To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarity regarding suicidal persons or persons with mental illness who require psychiatric admission in the Dublin area; and if such persons are being admitted to hospital.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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.

Admission is based on the assessed needs of the patient. If patients require admission this is facilitated.

There is no wait time for an acute inpatient psychiatric bed in the Dublin region. All patients who present as a risk are assessed by the Multidisciplinary team and if they require urgent admission, this is provided in the HSE or by a private provider.

In addition, I attach information on The HSE National Clinical Programme for the Assessment and Management of Patients Presenting to Emergency Departments following Self-Harm.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/mental-health/self-harm/>

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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