



25th February 2021

Mr Mark Ward
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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RE: PQ 9017/21

Dear Deputy Ward

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

PQ 9017/21 - *To ask the Minister for Health the treatment available to patients that present to the Accident and Emergency Department of Tallaght Hospital with a mental health issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.* **Deputy Mark Ward**

Patients who present to the Emergency Department (ED) with mental health issues are firstly reviewed by an ED Doctor.

They are then referred to Psychiatry. The liaison psychiatry service will review the patient in ED. If a patient requires psychiatry review out of hours then this is provided by the on call psychiatry team.

Clinical Pathways for a patient presenting to ED with Mental health issues depending on their clinical requirements are:

1. Discharged home with GP follow up.
2. Referred to community psychiatric services.
3. Admission to an inpatient service, this can be to the psychiatric wards on the hospital campus or to another organisation dependent on capacity.

Yours sincerely

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