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**PQ Number: 51996/21**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults who were involuntarily admitted to a psychiatric ward in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward**

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Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

In certain circumstances, a person may be admitted to hospital against their will. This is an 'involuntary admission.' Under the Mental Health Act 2001, a person may be involuntarily admitted and detained in an approved centre if they are suffering from a mental illness. Further information on circumstances where involuntary admission can happen, can be found at the link below.

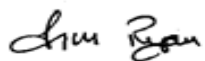
<https://www2.hse.ie/wellbeing/mental-health/involuntary-admission-being-admitted-to-hospital-against-your-will.html>

The table below provides data on the number of adults who were involuntarily admitted to approved centre's from 2018 to date.

	2018	2019	2020	June 2021
<b>Acute Adult Admissions to an adult approved centre</b>	12,277	12,134	11,314	5,697
<b>Acute Adult Admissions to an adult approved centre involuntary</b>	1,944	2,103	2,221	1,264

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

Yours sincerely,



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