



**Galway  
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**To ask the Minister for Health if the incidents of those seeking care for eating disorders in Galway has increased in the past 12 months in comparison to the previous 12 months; his views on the staffing compliment such as eating disorder teams, eating disorder beds and dieticians in University Hospital Galway to support such needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

Galway University Hospitals (GUH) do not have a designated Eating Disorder Service hence ,there are no designated Eating Disorder teams, Dieticians or Eating Disorder beds in GUH.

Dieticians are involved in the care as requested by the Clinical Team.

Please see below the GUH data table for all admissions with an eating disorder for 2020 & 2021 as per the following Diagnoses:

- Anorexia Nervosa
- Eating disorder unspecified.

The Discharge Date is between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2020 and 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2021.

It should be noted that due to resource issues, we are not fully coded for 2020 and fully coded up to the end of June 2021.

	2020	2021	TOTAL COLUMN
<b>DISCHARGE MONTH</b>			
<b>February</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>50</b>

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Kane  
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