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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of waiting times in each CHO for the Self-Harm Intervention Programme in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 - Catherine Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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 2014, the National Clinical Programme for the Assessment and Management of Patients who present to the Emergency Department (NCPSH) was introduced in a number of emergency departments (ED). In 2016, an agreed Model of Care was published and the service expanded. It established a clinical framework to ensure that any person who presents to the ED following self-harm or with suicide-related ideation receives a compassionate, empathic, validating response, and a therapeutic assessment and intervention from a suitably trained mental health professional; that every effort is made to ensure that a family member or supportive adult is involved in assessment and safety planning, and that they are followed up and linked to appropriate next care.

The funding and appointment of dedicated Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) has contributed to the improvements in response for people with self-harm or suicide-related ideation in each ED.

Data is collected from each emergency department (ED) on time to assessment by mental health professional and time to discharge/admission. The table below shows the collated national data for 2019 and 2020 based on the data received and arranged by CHO as requested. Data for 2021 is currently been verified and will be available by Q2 2022.

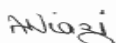
CHO	No. ED	Hospitals	Time to assessment (3 time points) per CHO	Time to discharge (3 time points) per CHO
1	3	Letterkenny Sligo Cavan	<2 hrs=1584 >6 hours=79 2-6 hrs=501	Patient discharged or admitted in <6 hours=1351 Patient discharged or admitted in <9 hours=403 Patient discharged or admitted in >9 hours=372
2	3	Mayo Galway Portiuncula	<2 hrs=2082 >6 hours=280 2-6 hrs=978	Patient discharged or admitted in <6 hours=2446 Patient discharged or admitted in <9 hours=479 Patient discharged or admitted in >9 hours=543
3	1	Limerick	<2 hrs=1284, >6 hours=438, 2-6 hrs=506	Patient discharged or admitted in <6 hours=1724, Patient discharged or admitted in <9 hours=353, Patient discharged or admitted in >9 hours=375
4	3	CUH Mercy Kerry	<2 hrs=3153 >6 hours=145 2-6 hrs=726	Patient discharged or admitted in <6 hours=2664 Patient discharged or admitted in <9 hours=558 Patient discharged or admitted in >9 hours=472
5	4	Waterford Wexford Kilkenny South Tipp	<2 hrs=3064 >6 hours=213 2-6 hrs=559	Patient discharged or admitted in <6 hours=2880 Patient discharged or admitted in <9 hours=385 Patient discharged or admitted in >9 hours=265

6	1	SVUH	<2 hrs=1959, >6 hours=40, 2-6 hrs=268	Patient discharged or admitted in <6 hours=940, Patient discharged or admitted in <9 hours=488, Patient discharged or admitted in >9 hours=844
7	3	* Tallaght James Naas	<2 hrs=924, >6 hours=111, 2-6 hrs=182	Patient discharged or admitted in <6 hours=690, Patient discharged or admitted in <9 hours=105, Patient discharged or admitted in >9 hours=75
8	3	Mullingar Tullamore Portlaoise	<2 hrs=369 >6 hours=69 2-6 hrs=464	Patient discharged or admitted in <6 hours=628 Patient discharged or admitted in <9 hours=245 Patient discharged or admitted in >9 hours=72
9	3	Beaumont Connolly Mater	<2 hrs=2838 >6 hours=56 2-6 hrs=1484	Patient discharged or admitted in <6 hours=2872 Patient discharged or admitted in <9 hours=782 Patient discharged or admitted in >9 hours=519

*posts in Tallaght and James were vacant in 2019 and 2020 there is no data available

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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