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**PQ Number: 49372/21**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number and locations of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Units that accept admissions out of hours in tabular form – Claire Kerrane**

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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.

#### **CAMHS Inpatient Services**

Currently, there are 72 Inpatient CAMHS beds available in four units across the country.

Unit Name	Unit Location	Current No of Registered Beds with MHC	Primary Catchment Area
Eist Linn (HSE)	Cork – CHO4	16	CHO 4 and CHO 5
Merlin Park (HSE)	Galway – CHO2	20	CHO 1 (a) – Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal, CHO 2, CHO3
Linn Dara (HSE)	West Dublin - CHO7	24 (22 and 2 High Observation Beds)	CHO 6, CHO7, CHO8 (a) Laois/Offaly/Longford/Westmeath
St. Joseph's, Fairview (HSE Funded)	North Dublin - CHO9	12	CHO 9, CHO 1(b) Cavan/Monaghan CHO8 (b) Louth/Meath
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>70 (+ 2 high obs)</b>	

These beds are available for use by all CHO's. A further 20 beds will be provided at the new Children's Hospital, which will include 8 Specialist Eating Disorder Beds. 10 additional Forensic CAMHS beds will be provided in the new National Forensic Facility currently under construction in Portrane, which will bring the total number of beds to 102.

Linn Dara and Merlin Park accept out of hours and weekend admissions. Eist Linn which covers CHO4 and CHO5 facilitates arranged out of hours admissions. One such admission took place during 2020 and two admissions have occurred to date in 2021.



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St Joseph's, Child and Adolescent Unit Fairview, which is funded by the HSE, comes under the operational remit of the CEO St Vincent's Hospital, Fairview. HSE Representatives met with the CEO of St Vincent's this year and the CEO was to submit a business case proposal regarding out of hours admissions. The HSE is awaiting the outcome of this business case.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Ryan".

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**Jim Ryan**  
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