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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of secure mental health places that exist in the State; the locations of same; the number taken up as of 12 October 2021; and the number that are vacant by location in tabular form - Alan Kelly**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

The Central Mental Hospital is the base for the National Forensic Mental Health Service and is the only centre in the state that provides maximum and medium security mental health treatment providing acute, medium and longer term care. Admissions come from the Courts, the Irish Prison Service and other inpatient mental health facilities nationally.

The CMH is currently operating at 94 inpatient beds which is reduced from its usual capacity of 102 beds. This reduction was agreed with the Mental Health Commission in order to allow the CMH to open a 10 bedded isolation unit to manage suspected cases of COVID 19.

Please see table below in response to your question

No. of secure mental health places that exist in the State	Location	Occupancy as at 12th October 2021
94	Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum	Full occupancy - 94

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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