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14th October 2021 Deputy Martin Browne Dail Eireann, Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a mental health bed; and the length of time they have been waiting for same. -Martin Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

There is no wait time for an acute inpatient psychiatric bed. All patients who present as a risk are assessed by the Multidisciplinary team and if an individual requires an urgent admission, this is provided in the HSE or by a private provider.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me

Yours sincerely,

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