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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that were admitted to adult mental health facilities from January 2021 to date in 2022; the dates they were admitted by CHO area; the reason they were admitted in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward**

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Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

HSE Mental Health Services are committed to age appropriate inpatient mental health treatment and to the minimization of the number of admissions of children to adult units, while acknowledging that, in exceptional circumstances, it will continue to be necessary, where there is a clear clinical imperative, to admit a small number of children to adult units, for the shortest time possible.

Children are admitted to adult units only after efforts to place them in Child and Adolescent in Patient Units are unsuccessful due to capacity or clinical needs. All admissions of young people under the age of 18 years are notified to the Mental Health Commission in accordance with regulations. On every occasion that a young person requires to be admitted to an adult unit, there are nursed on a 1:1 basis continuously over the 24 hour period as per the Mental Health Commission's Code of Practice.

Further information on Mental Health Commission's Code of Practice can be found at the following link:

<https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-06/Addendum-to-admission-children-2011.pdf>

There were 27 children admitted to adult mental health facilities from January to December 2021. The latest available data for 2022 indicates that there were no child admissions for January, February and March of this year.

The table below provides the details on the number of children that were admitted to adult mental health facilities from January to December 2021, the dates they were admitted by CHO area and the reason (s) they were admitted.

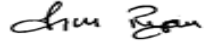
No. of Children Admitted	CHO Area	Date of Admission	Reason(s) for this admission:	Date of Discharge	Days of admission
1	CHO4	19/02/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self	26/02/2021	7
2	CHO9	19/02/2021	No bed in CAMHS units	26/02/2021	7
3	CHO9	22/02/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self and No bed in CAMHS units	24/02/2021	2
4	CHO4	03/03/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self	08/03/2021	5
5	CHO9	07/03/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self and No bed in CAMHS units	12/03/2021	5
6	CHO9	29/03/2021	No bed in CAMHS units	30/03/2021	1
7	CHO5	09/04/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self	14/04/2021	5
8	CHO8	12/04/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self and No bed in CAMHS units	16/04/2021	4
9	CHO9	26/04/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self and No bed in CAMHS units	28/04/2021	2
10	CHO5	28/04/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self	30/04/2021	2
11	CHO5	28/04/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self	02/05/2021	4
12	CHO4	12/05/2021	Immediate and serious risk to others	17/05/2021	5
13	CHO5	31/05/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self	04/06/2021	4
14	CHO1	09/06/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self and No bed in CAMHS units	10/06/2021	1
15	CHO5	07/07/2021	Involuntary Pursuant to a High Court Order	08/07/2021	1
16	CHO1	13/07/2021	Immediate and serious risk to self and others	14/07/2021	1
17	CHO5	16/07/2021	Involuntary Pursuant to a High Court Order	17/07/2021	1
18	CHO5	25/07/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self	27/07/2021	2
19	CHO5	29/08/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self	30/08/2021	1
20	CHO1	31/08/2021	Immediate and serious risk to self and others	31/08/2021	0
21	CHO5	22/08/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self	22/08/2021	0
22	CHO9	24/09/2021	No bed in CAMHS units	27/09/2021	3
23	CHO5	24/10/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self	29/10/2021	5
24	CHO5	30/10/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self	02/11/2021	3
25	CHO9	20/10/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self	21/10/2021	1
26	CHO 9	04/12/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self and No bed in CAMHS units	17/12/2021	13
27	CHO 9	15/12/2021	Immediate & serious risk to self and No bed in CAMHS units	17/12/2021	2

\*Note in relation to column 3 – Reason for this admission:

Eist Linn which covers the Primary Catchment area of CHO4 & CHO5 and St. Vincent's covering CHO9, CHO1 (b) (Cavan/Monaghan and CHO8 (b) (Louth/Meath) do not offer an emergency or out-of-hours response. Therefore in all of the cases above where 'no beds in CAMHS unit' is cited, technically the reason would have been 'no beds available' at the time of admission.

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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