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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that presented to the HSE looking for treatment for eating disorders in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward**

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Currently there is no mental health data collection system by diagnosis. The National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders (NCPED) have engaged with the Office of the Chief Information Officer in relation to developing a data system that will track patients over time. Therefore, the data requested by the Deputy in the above Parliamentary Question is not available at this time.

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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