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PQ Number: 19905/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that presented to the HSE looking for treatment for eating disorders that received specialist inpatient treatment in a dedicated eating disorder service 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 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.

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.

Local services have provided the information below.

Linn Dara	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 to date
Number of young people with eating disorder diagnosis treated in the inpatient unit	9	17	19	28	7

CAMHS Inpatient Unit Merlin Park	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 to date
Number of young people with eating disorder diagnosis treated in the inpatient unit	3	7	32*	21	2

*2020: 19 admissions of one patient are counted in the total of 32 patients.



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Please note that CHO2 does not have specialist inpatient beds for eating disorders. However, young people with eating disorders are admitted into generic CAMHS beds for specialist treatment, which are included in the figures above.

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, appearing to read 'Jim Ryan'.

Jim Ryan
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