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**PQ Number: 19907/22**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who presented to the HSE looking for treatment for eating disorders that were referred to non-eating disorder inpatient public acute mental health facilities 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.

Information provided by the Health Research Board give the detail on the number of Admissions to to approved child and adolescent inpatient units with a primary admission diagnosis of Eating disorders

Year	Total
2018	33
2019	54
2020	87
2021	115*
2022	Data not available

Source: National Psychiatric In-patient Reporting System (NPIRS), Health Research Board  
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**Please note the following:**

- This data is from the HRB
- \*Provisional figures only and subject to change
- If you require any further detail or clarification, please contact the HRB directly at the following link: <https://www.hrb.ie/>

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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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