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

Information on admissions to private eating disorder services is not available to the HSE.

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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