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Deputy Mark Ward
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

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PQ Number: 6661/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with mental health conditions that were placed in paediatric facilities in 2019, 2020 and 2021, 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.

There are a number of children referred to CAMHS in-patient units each week who are in paediatric units for mental health assessment and consideration for a CAMHS in-patient bed. Following this assessment, not all children /adolescents are deemed to have a mental illness to a degree that requires CAMHS interventions, either at in-patient or community CAMHS levels.

The table below provides the detail on the number of referrals made by Liaison CAMHS teams across the country. The number of admissions to the four CAMHS approved centres for the years 2019 to 2021 is also included.

Year	No Of National Referrals	No of Admissions to the 4 CAMHS Approved Centres
2019	49	27
2020	79	57
2021	106	61

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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