

25th August 2022

Deputy Holly Cairns
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 38118/22

“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No 573 of 23 June 2020, the number of adults with an intellectual disability residing in acute or long-stay psychiatric settings in CHO4 between January 2016 and June 2022, in tabular form; the basis on which this information on unidentified service-users could constitute a breach of their GDPR rights, as suggested in the response; his views on whether, it is the right of such persons with disabilities who are misplaced, sometimes indefinitely in the psychiatric system to be accounted for in healthcare data; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

Further to my interim response of the 26th July 2022 with regard to the above PQ, I can now confirm I have collected data from the relevant areas in relation to adults residing in mental health residential care with a diagnosis of MHID.

I have been advised that there are a total of 13 service users as of 31st July 2022 residing in mental health acute units, continuing care units and community residences with MHID.

It is important to note that the care plan for each individual who is either in residential mental health services or is an in-patient in acute psychiatric approved centres is based on their assessed needs. It is commonplace to liaise with Disability Services to identify appropriate facilitates with appropriate levels of support to meet that need. It may also be necessary to liaise with private providers to meet this need.

I trust the above is of assistance.

Kind Regards,



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