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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of liaison psychiatrists who are needed per liaison psychiatry service per hospital; the number who are employed per service in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward**

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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.

While 'A Vision for Change' (2006) recommended specific staffing levels across a range of disciplines and areas of work, the current mental health policy, 'Sharing the Vision', is not as prescriptive in this regard but focuses instead on the further development of models of care in mental health service delivery.

I wish to advise that work to develop a Liaison Psychiatry Model of Care in collaboration with the Faculty of Liaison Psychiatry at the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is ongoing. Currently, the HSE does not have the detail requested until the model of care for liaison mental health services is published.

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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