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Deputy Mark Ward, Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of having a specialist children's mental health bed within each adult acute psychiatric unit 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.

It is neither the policy nor practice to have a Specialist CAMHS bed in an Adult Acute Unit and so it is not possible to give an estimate of cost of such a facility.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

**Tony McCusker** 

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