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PQ Number: 50118/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of female patients in Dóchas suffering with mental health conditions awaiting a specialist bed; the length of time that each has been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -John Paul Phelan

Dear Deputy Phelan,

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.

Currently there are two female patients in Dóchas awaiting a bed, from the 23rd September and 30th of September 2022 respectively.

**Data as of 10.10.22 – Central Mental Hospital/National Forensic Mental Health Service*

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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