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Deputy Mark Ward
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Number: 2621/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of all bed days for children admitted to hospital for mental health that were in CAMHS units up to the end of 2022; 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.

CAMHS provide specialist mental health service to those aged up to 18 years, who have reached the threshold for a diagnosis of moderate to severe mental health disorder that require the input of a multi-disciplinary mental health teams, such as moderate to severe anxiety disorders, moderate to severe depression, Bi Polar Affective disorder, Psychosis, moderate to severe eating disorders, self-harm that require the input of a multi-disciplinary mental health team.

At the end of 2022, 98.6% of bed days used by children/adolescents were in HSE/HSE funded Child and Adolescent Acute Inpatient Units, which is above >95% target set in the National Service Plan. The breakdown is as follows, 98.6% (15,327) of bed days used were in the age-appropriate Child and Adolescent Acute Inpatient Units with 1.4% (217) used in adult approved centres.

*Please note these figures are preliminary and therefore subject to change.



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I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Braham', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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