

Ref: PQ 35318/23

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Deputy Mark Ward Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Ward

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ 35318/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of young people who presented to emergency departments with mental health-related issues in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023; the numbers that were accepted; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Additional information supplied: To ask the Minister for Health the number of total attendances at all Emergency Departments of people under 18 and the number who were admitted to hospital with mental health-related issues in each of the years 2019 to 2022 and to date in 2023; by age and by Hospital/Hospital Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Please find set out on the attached documents the information that you require from Children's Health Ireland (CHI).

Yours sincerely

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