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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health how many people with mental illnesses known to the State or HSE are currently living in emergency accommodation; how many people living in emergency accommodation have come straight from psychiatric care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Cian O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

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.

The HSE does not routinely collect this data. However having liaised with the Health Research Board (HRB) in relation to admissions and discharges for 2022, as per the Annual Report on the Activities of Irish Psychiatric Units and Hospitals, I can advise that of the data returned, 1.8% (291) of the 16,136 admissions in 2022 are recorded as having no fixed abode.

Further information on the HRB's Annual Report on the Activities of Irish Psychiatric Units and Hospitals for 2022 can be found here:

https://www.hrb.ie/fileadmin/2.Plugin_related_files/Publications/2023_Publications/NPIRS_2023/Activities/AIPUH_Annual_Report_2022.pdf

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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