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Deputy Sean Fleming.
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information in relation to the population in acute psychiatric units and the number of long stay residents in the State; the number who have been in units over 2, 3, 5, 10 and over 15 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Sean Fleming

Dear Deputy Fleming,

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 National Psychiatric In-Patient Reporting System (NPIRS) gathers data on patient admissions and discharges from psychiatric hospitals and units throughout Ireland. The Health Research Board (HRB) is responsible for managing this system which is also used to inform the Annual Report on the Activities of Irish Psychiatric Units and Hospitals produced by the HRB. The HRB collect this data quarterly in arrears.

I have been advised by the HRB that there were 74 patients resident in acute psychiatric units on 30/09/2022 by length of stay on 30/09/2022. Please see table below.

Length Of Stay	No Of Patients
1 year	40
2 years	18
3 years	9
4 years	-
5 years	-
6 years	-
8 years	-
13 years	-
Total	74



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**Source: National Psychiatric In-patient Reporting System (NPIRS), Health Research Board
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Note: This table reflects data returned to the HRB NPIRS by each unit in respect of Q3 2022 and reflects the situation on 30/09/2022. Patients who may have been discharged in Q4 2022 or during Q1 2023 are not captured in this table.

Where numerical values are less than 5, for reasons of confidentiality, it is HSE practice and policy that data is not released to avoid any possibility of identification. Therefore I have provided the overall total of patients as per that provided by the HRB.

Further information on the latest published Annual Report on the Activities of Irish Psychiatric Unit and Hospitals for 2021 can be found here.

https://www.hrb.ie/fileadmin/2_Plugin_related_files/Publications/2022_Publication_files/NPIRS_2022/NPIRS_Report_2021.pdf

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker'.

**Tony Mc Cusker
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