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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing 20 additional dedicated children's beds for psychiatric care to stop the practice of using beds in adult psychiatric services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mick Barry

Dear Deputy Barry,

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.

It is neither the policy nor practice to have a Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health bed in an Adult Acute Unit and so it is not possible to give an estimate of cost of such a facility.

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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