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**PQ Number: 45904/23**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the rates for acceptance on the first referral for each CAMHS unit, in tabular form. -Róisín Shorthall**

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Dear Deputy Shorthall,

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 Inpatient Units offer assessment and treatment to children and adolescents up to the age of 18 with severe and often complex mental disorders. The inpatient service provides appropriate assessment, recovery-focused treatment and education within a therapeutic environment, with the ultimate aim of achieving clinical improvement.

In answer to the Deputy's question, HSE Mental Health Services do not collect data on the rates for acceptance on the first referral for each CAMHS unit as part of our KPI framework. Apologies that we cannot be of assistance on this occasion.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

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