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Deputy Róisín Shorthall.
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Number: 14832/24

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health to report, in tabular form, on the number of people accessing outpatient mental health services in each of the community health organisations (CHOs) in each of the years 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024: and if he will make a statement on the matter.
–Róisín Shorthall

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.

The data is not collected in the format requested by the Deputy, however I can advise of the number of open active cases attending HSE Mental Health services at a point in time. Please be advised that this data is collected on a quarterly basis.

The tables below provide information in the Open and Active cases in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), General Adult Mental Health Services (GAMHS) and Psychiatry of Later Life (POLL).

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Open active Cases				
	2021	2022	2023	2024
CHO 1	2,030	1,863	1,490	1,419
CHO 2	2,683	2,601	2,043	2,002
CHO 3	2,124	1,745	1,416	1,653
CHO 4	2,633	2,229	2,135	2,229
CHO 5	1,914	1,557	1,075	1,446
CHO 6	3,128	3,156	3,022	2,581
CHO 7	2,897	2,842	2,514	2,379
CHO 8	2,895	2,541	2,552	2,336
CHO 9	1,508	1,394	1,517	1,595
National	21,812	19,928	17,764	17,60



General Adult Mental Health Services Open active Cases				
	2021	2022	2023	2024
CHO 1	N/A	4,880	4,134	5,991
CHO 2	N/A	5,625	5,809	6,775
CHO 3	N/A	6,204	6,201	6,089
CHO 4	N/A	9,114	8,994	9,389
CHO 5	N/A	5,883	8,191	5,190
CHO 6	N/A	4,484	4,452	4,525
CHO 7	N/A	5,772	5,811	5,754
CHO 8	N/A	5,198	5,145	4,948
CHO 9	N/A	5,853	6,733	6,568
National	N/A	53,013	55,468	55,229

** Please note:

In development, data collection commenced in pilot mode at the start of 2021, however the impact of cyber-attack caused delay. Not every service has been able to return data in 2022, therefore these figures are not as reliable as hoped. Work was ongoing in 2023 to improve reliability.

Psychiatry of Later Life Open active Cases				
	2021	2022	2023	2024
CHO 1	N/A	830	1,077	969
CHO 2	N/A	875	977	821
CHO 3	N/A	1,031	986	875
CHO 4	N/A	618	744	790
CHO 5	N/A	740	1,097	914
CHO 6	N/A	875	865	867
CHO 7	N/A	104	350	330
CHO 8	N/A	1,142	1,313	993
CHO 9	N/A	960	945	1,017
National	N/A	7,175	8,353	7,576

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I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Mc Cusker
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