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Mr. David Cullinane, T.D.  
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Dublin 2

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**To ask the Minister the number of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service inpatient beds in HSE Dublin and South East, by location, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.*

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) provide specialist mental health service to those aged up to 18 years, who have reached the threshold for a diagnosis of moderate to severe mental health disorder requiring the input of a multi-disciplinary mental health team.

There are four inpatient CAMHS units in Ireland. These units are located in Galway, Cork and Dublin with a total of 72 inpatient beds currently registered with the Mental Health Commission.

HSE Dublin and South East Region does not have an acute CAMHS inpatient unit, however there is access to inpatient beds, as follows:

- Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford (CHO5) access inpatient beds in Éist Linn facility, Cork.
- Wicklow, Dublin South and Dublin South East (CHO6) access inpatient beds in Linn Dara facility in Dublin South West.

Referral to a CAMHS inpatient unit is not suitable or appropriate for every child and where clinically indicated, avoiding admission is the preferred option. The CAMHS Operational Guideline (2019: attached) clearly describes the CAMHS inpatient service and how a young person is referred for assessment and the process that takes place when considering if the young person requires admission.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Martina Queally,**

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