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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that presented to the HSE looking for treatment for eating disorders that received specialist inpatient treatment in a dedicated eating disorder service from 2018 to date, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward

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.

There are 4 CAMHS Units across the HSE; Linn Dara Approved Centre, Dublin, St Josephs Approved Centre in Dublin, Eist Linn Approved Centre in Cork and Merlin Park Approved Centre in Galway. Specialist eating disorder beds are available in Merlin Park Galway and Linn Dara AC.

The table below provides a breakdown of admissions for Eating Disorders for each of the four CAMHS Inpatient units. This includes patients' with a diagnosis of:

- F50.0 Anorexia Nervosa
- F50.1 Atypical Anorexia Nervosa
- F50.2 Bulimia Nervosa
- F50.3 Atypice Bulimia Nervosa
- F50.9 Eating Disorder Unspecified
- Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake



Year	Linn Dara, Dublin	Eist Linn, Cork	Merlin Park, Galway	St. Joseph's Unit, Fairveiw	Total
2018	9	4	3	2	18
2019	17	4	17	n/a	38
2020	19	4	32	10	65
2021	28	9	21	19	77
2022	18	6	12	11	47
2023	15	2	21	14	52
Total	106	29	106	56	297

Please Note:

*In 2020 Merlin Park had 19 readmissions of the same patient

Further information on the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders can be found here:

[Eating Disorders - HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/mental-health/eating-disorders/data-infographics/) and here

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I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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