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Deputy Sorca Clarke
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PQ Number: 15853/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults that presented to accident and emergency departments with eating disorders in 2024 and to date in 2025. -Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke

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. Examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Data is not available for the number of children and adults presenting to accident and emergency departments with eating disorders.

However, I can advise that a Medical Emergencies in Eating Disorders (MEED) guide to risk assessment should be completed by the medical team on all patients presenting to the Emergency Department/outpatient setting where there is concern around an eating disorder. Each relevant factor is scored on a range from green (low risk), amber (alert) or red (high risk). Clinicians must consider all factors when determining a clinical judgement of the overall risk profile. The risk assessment is reviewed and discussed with a senior clinician prior to formulating a treatment plan, which will inform the patient's ongoing treatment and service involvement.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Tony McCusker
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