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Deputy McGreehan,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 21021/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children that have accessed primary care psychology services, per CHO area, in each of the years 2020 to 2024, in tabular form.

- Erin McGreehan

Dear Deputy McGreehan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 21021/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Primary care psychology is a provider of psychological services at primary/community level in Ireland. The service grew out of hospital and community care models which are largely one-to-one assessment and intervention models. Today, it provides a range of services of varying intensity, encompassing education, prevention, early intervention and a range of treatments.

The number of patients seen is the number of unique patients seen in the month i.e. if an individual patient is seen one or more times in a month that is counted as one patient seen in the month. The table below outlines the number of adults and children seen by HSE Primary Care in 2020 to 2024.

Number of adults & children seen by Psychology in Primary Care					
CHO area	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	5,694	7,160	4,133	4,351	4,671
2	7,848	6,209	3,356	1,928	2,330
3	2,093	2,209	3,487	3,155	3,201
4	3,423	3,371	2,958	3,931	2,829
5	3,906	4,772	5,304	4,682	5,609
6	5,318	4,497	4,992	4,970	6,176
7	3,621	4,724	4,666	3,623	3,634
8	7,466	9,653	9,474	10,030	8,959
9	2,431	2,388	4,162	4,809	4,575
Total	41,800	44,983	42,532	41,479	41,984



I trust this is of assistance.

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