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PQ Number: 31210/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved centres, the number of acute approved centres, the number of in-patient beds, and the number of children admitted to adult inpatient psychiatry wards in the past five years, in tabular form. -Sorcha 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.

The attached Appendix details the list of HSE Approved Mental Health Centre's broken down by Health Region, Integrated Healthcare Area, Approved Centre Type and number of beds.

In relation to the number of children admitted to adult inpatient units, HSE Mental Health Services are committed to age appropriate inpatient mental health treatment and to the minimization of the number of admissions of children to adult units, while acknowledging that, in exceptional circumstances, it may be necessary, where there is a clear clinical imperative, to admit a small number of children to adult units, for the shortest time possible.

Children are admitted to adult units only after all efforts to place them in Child and Adolescent in Patient Units are unsuccessful due to capacity or clinical needs. All admissions of young people under the age of 18 years are immediately notified to the Mental Health Commission in accordance with regulation. On every occasion that a young person requires to be admitted to an adult unit, there are nursed on a 1:1 basis continuously over the 24 hour period as per the Mental Health Commission's Code of Practice.

The number of children admitted to adult inpatient mental health units has continued to reduce over time as demonstrated in the table below.

Year	No. Of Admissions
2025 to date	**
2024	5
2023	12
2022	20
2021	29



**** Please note:** The low number of child admissions to Adult Units reported for 2025 to date (where the number reported is less than 5) is not being released in order to comply with GDPR guidelines.

Further information on Mental Health Commission's Code of Practice can be found at the following link: <https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-06/Addendum-to-admission-children-2011.pdf>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1:

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Adult Approved Centres

Integrated Healthcare Area (IHA)	Health Region	Approved Centre	Approved Centre Type	No. of Beds
Cavan & Monaghan (A1)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	Cavan General - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	25
Cavan & Monaghan (A1)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	St. Davnet's Hospital, Blackwater House. Monaghan	Continuing Mental Health Care	16
Louth & Meath (A2)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	Drogheda Department of Psychiatry, Crosslanes	Acute Admission Unit	46
Louth & Meath (A2)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	St. Bridget's Hospital, Ardee	Rehab	10
Dublin North City & North West (A3)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	Connolly Hospital - Unit Pine & Ash Ward	Acute Admission Unit	47
Dublin North City & North West (A3)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	St Vincent's Fairview - Hospital	Acute Admission Unit	36
Dublin North City & North West (A3)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	O'Casey Rooms, Fairview Community Unit, Griffith Court, Phibsborough Avenue, Fairview, Dublin 3	Continuing Mental Health Care	19
Dublin North City & North West (A3)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	Mater Hospital - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	13
Dublin North City & North West (A3)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	Phoenix Care Centre	Continuing Mental Health Care	54
Dublin North (A4)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	Ashlin Centre - Joyce & Sheehan Units	Acute Admission Unit	46
Dublin North (A4)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	St. Josephs Intellectual Disability Services, St. Ita's Hospital, Portane, Donabate, Co. Dublin	MHID	62
HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)				374
Dublin South City & West (B1)	HSE Dublin & Midlands (Area B)	St James Hospital - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	47
Dublin South West (B2)	HSE Dublin & Midlands (Area B)	Tallaght Hospital - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	52
Kildare & West Wicklow (B3)	HSE Dublin & Midlands (Area B)	Lakeview Unit, Naas General Hospital - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	39
Midlands (B4)	HSE Dublin & Midlands (Area B)	Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise - DOP Unit	Acute Admission Unit	36
Midlands (B4)	HSE Dublin & Midlands (Area B)	Maryborough Centre, St. Fintan's Hospital	Continuing Mental Health Care	16
Midlands (B4)	HSE Dublin & Midlands (Area B)	St. Lomans Hospital, Mullingar	Acute Admission Unit	24
Midlands (B4)	HSE Dublin & Midlands (Area B)	Cluain Lir Care Centre, Mullingar	Acute Admission Unit	6
HSE Dublin & Midlands (Area B)				220
Carlow, Kilkenny & South Tipperary (C1)	HSE Dublin & South East (Area C)	St Luke's Hospital Kilkenny - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	44

Carlow, Kilkenny & South Tipperary (C1)	HSE Dublin & South East (Area C)	St. Gabriels Ward, St. Canices Hospital, Dublin Road, Kilkenny	Continuing Mental Health Care	20
Carlow, Kilkenny & South Tipperary (C1)	HSE Dublin & South East (Area C)	Haywood Lodge, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	Continuing Mental Health Care	40
Waterford & Wexford (C2)	HSE Dublin & South East (Area C)	Waterford General Hospital	Acute Admission Unit	44
Waterford & Wexford (C2)	HSE Dublin & South East (Area C)	Grangemore Ward & St. Aidans Ward, St. Otterans, Co. Waterford	Continuing Mental Health Care	14
Waterford & Wexford (C2)	HSE Dublin & South East (Area C)	Selskar House, Farnogue Residential Healthcare Unit, Old Hospital Road, Johns Hill, Waterford	Psychiatry of later life	20
Dublin South East & Wicklow (C3)	HSE Dublin & South East (Area C)	Cluain Mhuire - St John of Gods	Acute Admission Unit	28
Dublin South East & Wicklow (C3)	HSE Dublin & South East (Area C)	St Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park Unit	Acute Admission Unit	39
Dublin South East & Wicklow (C3)	HSE Dublin & South East (Area C)	LeBrun House & Whitethorn House, Vergermount Mental Health Facility, Clonskeagh Hospital, Dublin 6	Psychiatry of later life	26
Dublin South East & Wicklow (C3)	HSE Dublin & South East (Area C)	Newcastle Hospital	Acute Admission Unit	26
HSE Dublin & South East (Area C)				301
North & East Cork (D1)	HSE South West (Area D)	Mercy University Hospital - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	50
North & East Cork (D1)	HSE South West (Area D)	St Stephen's Hospital	Acute Admission Unit	19
North & East Cork (D1)	HSE South West (Area D)	Carraig Mor Centre, Shankiel, Co. Cork	PICU	18
Kerry (D2)	HSE South West (Area D)	University Hospital Kerry - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	34
Kerry (D2)	HSE South West (Area D)	Deer Lodge Hostel, Killarney, Co. Kerry	Continuing Mental Health Care	40
South & West Cork (D3)	HSE South West (Area D)	Cork University Hospital - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	50
South & West Cork (D3)	HSE South West (Area D)	Bantry General - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	17
South & West Cork (D3)	HSE South West (Area D)	St. Catherines Ward, St. Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas, Cork	Continuing Mental Health Care	21
HSE South West (Area D)				249
Limerick City, East & North Tipperary (E1)	HSE Mid-West (Area E)	APU 5B, University Hospital Limerick	Acute Admission Unit	50
Limerick City, East & North Tipperary (E1)	HSE Mid-West (Area E)	Tearmann Ward, St. Camillus Hospital, Limerick	Continuing Mental Health Care	15
Clare, Limerick South & West (E2)	HSE Mid-West (Area E)	Acute Psychiatric Unit, Ennis General Hospital, Co. Clare	Acute Admission Unit	39
Clare, Limerick South & West (E2)	HSE Mid-West (Area E)	Cappahard Lodge, Ennis, Co. Clare	Continuing Mental Health Care	32
HSE Mid-West (Area E)				136
Donegal (F1)	HSE West & North West (Area F)	Letterkenny General - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	34

Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal & West Cavan (F2)	HSE West & North West (Area F)	Sligo Mental Health Services	Acute Admission Unit	25
Mayo (F3)	HSE West & North West (Area F)	Mayo General Hospital - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	32
Mayo (F3)	HSE West & North West (Area F)	An Coillín, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	Continuing Mental Health Care	22
Mayo (F3)	HSE West & North West (Area F)	St Annes Unit, Sacred Heart Hospital, Co. Mayo	Psychiatry of later life	8
Mayo (F3)	HSE West & North West (Area F)	Teach Aisling, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	Continuing Mental Health Care	8
Galway & Roscommon (F4)	HSE West & North West (Area F)	UCHG - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	50
Galway & Roscommon (F4)	HSE West & North West (Area F)	Creagh Suite St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	Continuing Mental Health Care	10
Galway & Roscommon (F4)	HSE West & North West (Area F)	Woodview Merlin Park	Continuing Mental Health Care	15
Galway & Roscommon (F4)	HSE West & North West (Area F)	Roscommon General Hospital - Unit	Acute Admission Unit	24
HSE West & North West (Area F)				228

**** National Forensic Mental Health Service (NFMHS)**

Integrated Healthcare Area (IHA)	Health Region	Approved Centre	Approved Centre Type	No. of Beds
Dublin North (A4)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	Central Mental Hospital, Portrane	Forensic Mental Health Care	130
HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)				130

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Integrated Healthcare Area (IHA)	Health Region	Approved Centre	Approved Centre Type	No. of Beds
Dublin North City & North West (A3)	HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)	St Vincent's Fairview - Hospital	CAMHS Admission Unit	12
Dublin South City & West (B1)	HSE Dublin & Midlands (Area B)	Linn Dara - Cherry Orchard Hospital	CAMHS Admission Unit	24
South & West Cork (D3)	HSE South West (Area D)	Eist Linn	CAMHS Admission Unit	16
Galway & Roscommon (F4)	HSE West & North West (Area F)	Merlin Park	CAMHS Admission Unit	20
HSE Dublin & North East (Area A)				72

**** Please note:** The NFMHS is physically located in Dublin North but is managed/administrated by Cavan Monaghan