



An Príomh-Ospidéal Meabhair-Ghalar, An tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Meabhairshláinte Fhóiréinseach

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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2101 of 29 July 2025, if the information is now available regarding the number of prisoners transferred to the central mental hospital from each prison in 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, including the average wait time for transfer each year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Carthy,

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.

**Number of Prisoners transferred to the Central Mental Hospital for the years 2022 to 2025**

| Prison or Source                                                      | 2022  | 2023  | 2024   | 2025  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Court                                                                 | 3     | 3     | 7      | 5     |
| Recall from conditional discharge order under section 13B CL(I)A 2006 | 1     | 2     | 0      | 0     |
| Dochas Centre                                                         | 3     | 5     | 13     | 7     |
| Cloverhill Prison                                                     | 7     | 11    | 9      | 6     |
| Mountjoy Prison                                                       | 3     | 6     | 4      | 1     |
| Cork Prison                                                           | 3     | 3     | 2      | 1     |
| Midlands Prison                                                       | 2     | 4     | 2      | 2     |
| Castlerea Prison                                                      | 1     | 5     | 1      | 2     |
| Portlaoise Prison                                                     | 0     | 4     | 1      | 1     |
| Wheatfield Prison                                                     | 0     | 3     | 3      | 1     |
| <b>Average wait time for transfer (days)</b>                          | 253.7 | 230.6 | 102.93 | 91.95 |



Yours sincerely,

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