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Re: PQ 50012/23

**To ask the Minister for Health the current number of beds in Lakeview Mental Health Facility in Naas, County Kildare; how many are currently occupied/available; if he can investigate why people seriously in need of mental health treatment were turned away in recent days; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

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Dear Deputy Ryan,

I refer to the above parliamentary question that you submitted to the Minister for Health, the Minister has asked that the HSE respond directly to you. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The average occupancy rate in the 29 bed Mental Health inpatient unit in the Lakeview Unit, Naas Hospital is 97%. All patients who present to the Mental Health Service have a full assessment of their needs carried out by a clinician, who determines on clinical grounds the most appropriate plan of care for the individual patient.

If a clinician feels an individual needs admission to an inpatient psychiatric bed and there is no bed available in Lakeview, they seek a suitable bed elsewhere.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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