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Email: pgmidwestacute@hse.ie18th April 2024Ms Violet-Anne Wynne TD
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of people under 18 years of age who have presented to accident and emergency at University Hospital Limerick with mental health issues and/or at risk of suicide or self-harm each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Violet-Anne Wynne

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

The below data outlines the number of patients under the age of eighteen who presented to the Paediatric Emergency Department at UHL with a complaint of deliberate self-harm or overdose between 2017-2023. Please note, data prior to 2017 is unavailable, UL Hospitals began capturing data of this nature at the end of 2016.

Year	Number of presentations
2017	152
2018	152
2019	139
2020	158
2021	145
2022	136
2023	173

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Colette Cowan
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