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Mark Ward TD, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2, D02 XR20.

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Re: PQ 2925/24

To ask the Minister for Health what is the nurse-to-patients ration in the Clondalkin mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Clondalkin Mental Health Service currently has 739 patients attending their service, of that total caseload 185 patients are receiving additional direct supports from the nursing staff on the team. This is a dynamic figure and varies depending on patient acuity and demands of the service.

The nursing staff on the team has been expanded over the past two years to include an Advanced Nurse Practitioner, and an additional Community Mental Health Nurse. There are currently 14 nursing posts filled, and 2 vacant staff nurse posts on the team.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Brachy

Mr Kevin Brady, Head of Service Mental Health, HSE Dublin South, Kildare West Wicklow Community Healthcare