



Cheann na Seirbhíse,
An Príomh-Ospidéal Meabhair-Ghalar, An
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Deputy Cormac Devlin
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of people attending the National Forensic Mental Health Services in each of its service areas; the number of people on a waiting list for each of its services on 1 July 2024; the average waiting time for those currently waiting and the average time waited by those who gain access to each of its services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Devlin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The National Forensic Mental Health Service offers a range of services including in-patient in care and treatment the Central Mental Hospital (CMH), Prison In-Reach Programme (PCAM) and Court Liaison Services (PICLS), Out Patient Clinic and Residential Community Services to a cohort of patients living in the community.

The Central Mental Hospital is registered as an Approved Centre under the Mental Health Act 2001 and is a designated centre under the Criminal Law Insanity Act 2006. The Approved Centre currently has operational capacity of 112 Beds.

1. On 1 July 2024, there were 111 patients in the Central Mental Hospital.
2. A total of 21 individuals in prison were on the waiting list for admission to CMH.
3. Six individuals have been on the waiting list for less than 4 months, 12 individuals for less than 2 months.
4. The longest length of time for 3 individuals is 9 months, 8 months and 7 months respectively.



CMH have a clinical governance framework for review of the waiting list and admissions to the hospital. Admissions are dependent on vacancies within the admission wards, needs of current patients; prioritisation of waiting list based on need and associated risks to individuals and ability for service to admit an individual safely.

The table below provides the statistics as of **June 2024** for Prison In-Reach Services:

Please note that the statistics requested for date as of 1st July 2024 are not yet available to NFMHS for requested locations.

Prison Continuity & Aftercare Management (PCAM)

Statistics for all Locations

Active Patients*	385
Patients seen	256
New Patients	69
Patients Reviewed**	471
Total Discharged	81

**Total Caseload figure for all locations*

The National Forensic Mental Health Service offer services to 29 patients that are discharged to our Residential Community Services with a further additional 16 patients in independent living arrangement. Services are provided to all at our Out Patient Clinic, located in Ushers Island. There are currently a total number of 45 patients attending this clinic.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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