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Deputy Kenny, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 25226/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals received by the psychology in primary care adults' service in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Gino Kenny

Dear Deputy Kenny,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 25226/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality services to all eligible service users. In 2023, there were 41,479 patients seen by HSE Psychology in Primary Care. Primary Care Access and Integration is focused on improving access to care in order to reduce waiting times for patients. This includes monitoring the waiting list on an on-going basis in the context of available resources.

The table below contains details of the number of referrals for adults to HSE Primary Care Psychology from 2021 to April 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

	Full	Full	Full	
	Year	Year	Year	Jan-Apr
Psychology	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of referrals for adults	3,402	3,446	3,152	994

I trust this is of assistance.

Seán McArt

General Manager

Primary Care Access & Integration