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Deputy Ward,  
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**PQ 25243/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of people seen by the Psychology in Primary Care children's service in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Mark Ward**

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 25243/24) 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 number of patients seen is the number of unique patients seen in the month i.e. if an individual patient is seen one or more times in a month that is counted as one patient seen in the month.

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

	Full Year	Full Year	Full Year	Jan-Apr
Psychology	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of children seen	33,112	35,180	34,375	12,710

I trust this is of assistance.

**Seán McArt**  
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