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Deputy Ward,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 25244/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals received 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 25244/24) 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 & 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 children to 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 referrals for children	10,094	13,077	15,248	5,611

I trust this is of assistance.

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