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To ask the Minister for Health the reason people seeking mental health treatment in Kildare mental health day hospital are summarily discharged after only four weeks of treatment, with no follow-up community support, leaving patients with no alternative but to access very expensive private care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ryan,

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

All referrals/admissions are accepted following a review of referral by Consultant lead Multi-Disciplinary Team.

A plan of care is initiated which may vary from an admission for treatment/period of assessment.

A timeframe of plan of care is devised and reviewed on an on-going basis.

Decisions to admit or discharge across the Community Mental Health Team lies with the treating Consultant following Multi-Disciplinary Team review, this may vary from in-patient treatment, transition between Clinical Nurse Specialist or day hospital staff and on to Out-Patient Department follow up.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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