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Deputy Sorca Clarke,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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21st January 2025

PQ Number: 46830/24

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to psychiatric hospitals or units, and child and adolescent units, in 2024. -Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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

HSE Mental Health Services are committed to age appropriate inpatient mental health treatment and to the minimization of the number of admissions of children to adult units, while acknowledging that, in exceptional circumstances, it may be necessary, where there is a clear clinical imperative, to admit a small number of children to adult units, for the shortest time possible.

Children are admitted to adult units only after all efforts to place them in Child and Adolescent in Patient Units are unsuccessful due to capacity or clinical needs. All admissions of young people under the age of 18 years are immediately notified to the Mental Health Commission in accordance with regulation.

Further information on Mental Health Commission's Code of Practice can be found at the following link: <https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-06/Addendum-to-admission-children-2011.pdf>

The number of children admitted to adult mental health units for the year 2024 was 5 or less.



Admissions for Inpatient CAMHS Units January to December 2024

Month	Eist Linn Inpatient	CAMHS Merlin Park Galway Inpatient	St. Vincent's AIPU Inpatient	Linn Dara Inpatient	Total Number of Inpatients
January	2	6	8	8	24
February	1	5	4	4	14
March	3	5	6	4	18
April	0	4	7	2	13
May	2	1	4	10	17
June	2	7	2	6	17
July	4	6	2	8	20
August	0	4	6	8	18
September	3	6	5	9	23
October	3	3	7	8	21
November	5	3	8	7	23
December	1	9	5	7	22
Total	26	59	64	81	230

I trust this information is of assistance to you,

Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Hennessy
General Manager
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