

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the current waiting list for all Adult Mental Health services, to incorporate the number of bed spaces currently available and the capacity across all mental health wards, including those for patients living with dementia?

**Answer**

Adult Mental Health Services is currently implementing an improved system for tracking referrals to outpatient services. The new process was introduced in October 2021 and in October and November 2021, the system recorded the following referrals:

- 271 Accepted
- 40 Rejected
- 51 Signposted
- 43 Not Recorded

As of 7th of December there are currently 170 referrals waiting for assessment.

Adult and Older Adult Mental Health Services provide inpatient care across three units. There is no waiting list for inpatient mental health care. The number of beds and average occupancy are shown in the following table:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Number of Beds</b>	<b>Average Overnight Bed Occupancy – October 2021</b>	<b>Average Overnight Bed Occupancy – November 2021</b>
Adult Mental Health	Orchard House	14	79.7%	90.2%
Older Adult Mental Health/Long Term Continuing Care	Beech Ward	12	88.7%	88.6%
	Cedar Ward	14		