



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA, Minister for Mental Health

In relation to: Children transferred to the Adult Mental Health Unit

Hearing: 11 February 2025

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Answer Due: 21 February 2025 5:00 pm

Minister Stephen-Smith took on notice the following question:

Ms Castley: Related. You mentioned children. I think the Official Visitor Annual Report also raised concern about the transfer of children from the Children and Adolescent Unit to the Adult Mental Health Unit. There were three, I believe, who have been transferred in the past year. Can you provide us an update on the number of times that this occurred in 2024?

Mr Peffer: 2024 calendar year?

Ms Castley: Yes, so far. Yes, yes. That is right.

Ms Stephen-Smith: I think we will have to take that on notice, yes.

Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

In 2024 there were less than five young people (under the age of 18) who were transferred from the Child and Adolescent Unit to the Adult Mental Health Unit. When there are less than five patients, Canberra Health Services (CHS) are unable to provide the exact number as it could potentially identify a person.

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By the Minister for Mental Health, Rachel Stephen-Smith