

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th JANUARY 2019**

Question

How many people were treated for mental health conditions at the General Hospital in the last six months of 2018?

Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the time spent in hospital by patients with mental health conditions and advise where the patients were referred to on discharge?

Answer

There were 508 attendances at the Emergency Department between July and December 2018 by patients with a diagnosis category recorded as one of Psychiatric (432), Attempted Suicide (22) or Deliberate Self-Harm (54). (Please note these figures include a number of repeat attendances – there were 311 unique patients.)

Of the 508 attendances:

- 42% were discharged home
- 23% were referred to the Psychiatric Liaison team
- 7% were admitted to JGH acute ward as an inpatient
- 5% were admitted to JGH Robin ward
- 6% were admitted to Orchard House
- 2% were admitted to another hospital ward (e.g. Clinique Pinel or the health centre HMP La Moye)
- 6% were referred to other clinicians (e.g. GP, Allied Health Professionals) for follow-up
- 9% did not wait or self-discharged or were removed by the police.

Patients with mental health conditions who require treatment are admitted to Orchard House (adults) or Beech and Cedar Wards (older adults) rather than admitted as inpatients to the Jersey General Hospital. The exception is children in need of mental health care who may be admitted to Robin ward at the General Hospital.

The following table summarises the average length of stay on each of these wards and the number of discharges from July to December 2018.

Ward	Number of discharges	Average (mean) length of stay (days)	Median length of stay (days)
Robin Ward	20	7.2	2.5
Orchard House	102	28.3	12.5
Beech Ward	14	79.9	66.5
Cedar Ward	25	79	41

(Please note that the figures include a number of repeat discharges – there were 132 unique patients.)

The destination on discharge was as follows:

- Home/Usual place of residence: 113 patients
- Nursing/Residential Care: 10 patients
- Other wards within HSS (including public and private care): 16 patients
- Other (including temporary residence, off-island placements and deceased): 22 patients