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Joint Ad Hoc Committee on the Mental Capacity Bill
Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety
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Dear Dr. Aiken,

Under 18s Admissions to Adult Psychiatric Wards

Further to your correspondence dated 20 October 2015 with regard to the evidence provided to the Ad Hoc Joint Committee to consider the Mental Capacity Bill on Monday, 5 October 2015. I write to provide clarification in respect of your query.

In response to a question from Mr Paul Frew, MLA, I indicated that 22 young people were admitted to adult wards, out of a total of 65 admissions last year. This figure was incorrect. The 22 young people admitted to an adult ward were in addition to the 65 admissions to children's services at both the Beechcroft and the Iveagh Centre.

In relation to the 22 admissions to adult wards, 13 of these admissions were voluntary admissions, and nine young people were detained under the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.

I trust this clarifies this matter but please do not hesitate to ring me should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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