

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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To: Hon Steve Edgington MLA

Portfolio: Health

Agency: Department of Health

Subject: Patients awaiting a specialist mental health bed

QUESTION:

In the reporting period, how many patients spend a day or more as an outlier awaiting a specialist mental health bed?

ANSWER:

For the reporting period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, a total of 159 patients spent one or more days as outliers while awaiting a specialist mental health bed.