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Introduction

This bulletin is a synopsis of data for CHO 3 from the NPIRS for 2020 and that reported in the *National Psychiatric In-patient Reporting System (NPIRS) Annual Report on the Activities of Irish Psychiatric Units and Hospitals 2020* (Daly and Craig 2021). The address from which a person was admitted was used to assign him/her to a CHO area and, thus, CHO area refers to the CHO area of residence of admissions. CHO 3 covers the counties of Clare, North Tipperary and Limerick.

The rates reported below were calculated using the Census of Population 2016 (Central Statistics Office 2017) and all rates are per 100,000 total population. It was not possible to calculate rates for socio-economic groups for each of the CHO areas and, thus, proportions are presented for socio-economic group.

All and first admissions

There were 1,154 admissions for CHO 3 in 2020, a rate of 299.7 per 100,000 (Table 1). Admissions for CHO 3 accounted for 7.5% of all admissions to psychiatric units and hospitals in 2020. There were 397 first admissions, a rate of 103.1 per 100,000 and 757 re-admissions, representing a rate of 196.6 per 100,000.

Gender and age

Females accounted for 54% of all admissions and had a higher rate of all admissions than males, at 321.7 per 100,000 compared with 277.6 for males (Table 1). Females also had a slightly higher rate of first admissions, at 104.0 per 100,000 compared with 102.3 for males.

The 20–24 year age group had the highest rate of all admissions for CHO 3, at 577.8 per 100,000, followed by the 18–19 year age group, at 523.0, and the 25–34 year age group, at 433.8. The 55–64 year age group had the lowest rate of all admissions, at 345.2 per 100,000.

The 18–19 year age group had the highest rate of first admissions in CHO 3, at 309.9 per 100,000, followed by the 20–24 year age group, at 266.0, and the 75 year and over age group, at 181.8. The 45–54 year age group had the lowest rate of first admissions, at 79.4.

Age groups were condensed into two groups: under 45 years and 45 years and over. The 45 year and over age group had the highest rate of admissions in all CHO areas, with rates ranging from 535.1 per 100,000 in CHO 9 to 365.5 in CHO 3 (Figure 1). In CHO 3 the rate of admission for the 45 year and over age group was 365.5 per 100,000, almost one and a half times higher than that for the under 45 year age group, at 257.1. The rate of admission for the 45 year and over group in CHO 6 (410.7) was twice that of the under 45 year group (200.0).

Table 1: CHOs. All and first admissions. Gender. Ireland 2020. Rates per 100,000 total population

	All			First		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
CHO 1	346.3	329.8	338.0	94.6	86.0	90.3
CHO 2	302.5	297.3	299.9	123.5	105.7	114.5
CHO 3	277.6	321.7	299.7	102.3	104.0	103.1
CHO 4	360.8	338.5	349.6	141.0	121.5	131.2
CHO 5	343.6	309.6	326.5	151.1	105.1	128.0
CHO 6	269.3	288.1	279.0	81.5	79.6	80.5
CHO 7	313.6	320.4	317.1	134.7	121.3	127.9
CHO 8	292.1	308.6	300.4	138.2	115.0	126.6
CHO 9	376.5	356.7	366.4	150.2	127.0	138.4
Total	324.7	321.7	323.2	128.8	110.5	119.6

Marital status

Single persons accounted for 56% of all admissions and 50% of first admissions for CHO 3; married persons accounted for 23% of all and 24% of first admissions; widowed persons accounted for 4% of all and almost 3% of first admissions; and divorced persons accounted for 2% of all and less than 1% of first admissions.

Socio-economic group

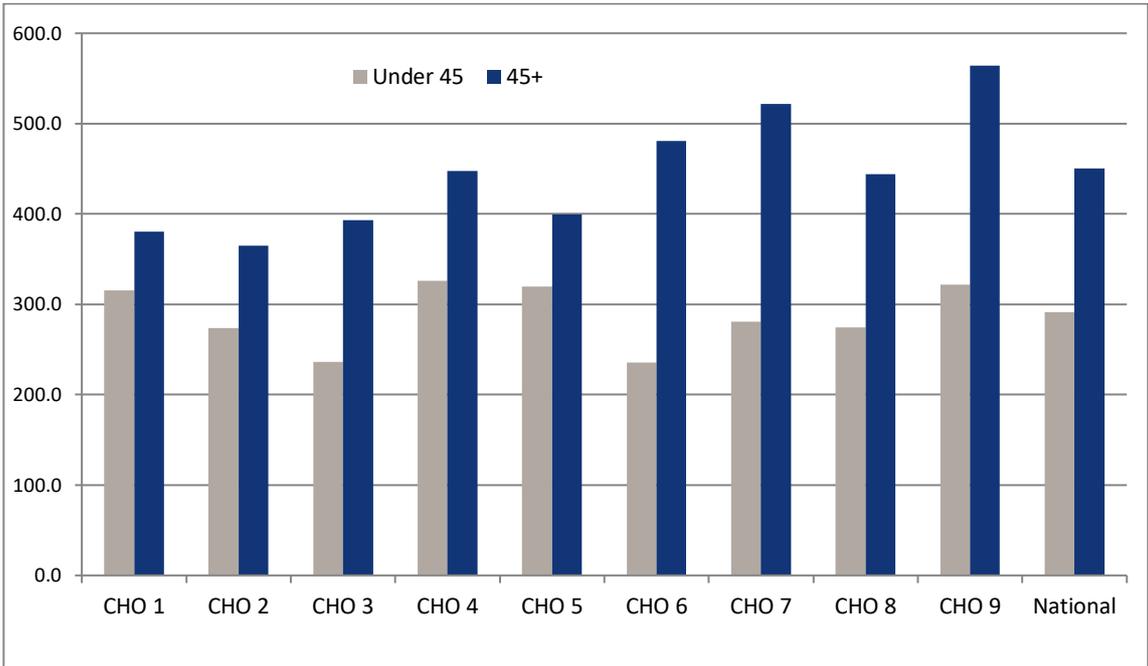
Twelve per cent of all admissions were unskilled, 6% were lower professionals and 6% were manual skilled. However, it is worth noting that 58% of returns for CHO 3 did not specify an occupation, making assignment to a socio-economic group impossible.

Diagnosis

Depressive disorders accounted for 29% of all admissions and 24% of first admissions for CHO 3; schizophrenia accounted for 21% of all and 18% of first admissions; mania accounted for 12% of all and 8% of first admissions, while neuroses accounted for 10% of all and 14% of first admissions.

All and first admission rates in CHO 3 were highest for depressive disorders, at 87.3 (Figure 2) and 25.2 per 100,000, respectively. Schizophrenia had the second-highest rate of all admissions in CHO 3, at 63.9, followed by mania, at 37.4 and neuroses, at 31.4. Schizophrenia had the second-highest rate of first admissions in CHO 3, at 18.2 per 100,000, followed by neuroses, at 14.3.

Figure 1: All admissions by age category by CHO area. Ireland 2020. Rates per 100,000 total population



Legal status

Involuntary admissions accounted for 12% of all and 13% of first admissions for CHO 3. The rate of all involuntary admissions in CHO 3 was 35.6, the lowest amongst all CHO areas, while that for first admissions was 13.5 per 100,000, the second-lowest first rate amongst all CHO areas (Figure 3).

Hospital type

Seventy-seven per cent of all admissions for CHO 3 were to general hospital psychiatric units, 3% were to psychiatric hospitals/continuing care units and 20% were to independent/private and private charitable centres.

Discharges

There were 1,164 discharges (1,156 discharges and 8 deaths) for CHO 3 in 2020. Twenty-five per cent of discharges occurred within one week of admission, 18% occurred within one to two weeks and 24% occurred within two to four weeks of admission. Ninety-four per cent of discharges occurred within three months of admission. This is similar to the pattern observed nationally.

Discharges for CHO 3 accounted for 7% of all discharges and 5% of all in-patient days. The average length of stay for all discharges for CHO 3 was 35.3 days (median 16 days), the lowest amongst all CHO areas (Figure 4). This compares with the national average of 54.7 days (median 14 days).

When discharges with a length of stay of one year or more were excluded, discharges for CHO 3 accounted for 7% of discharges and 8% of in-patient days. The average length of stay for discharges, excluding those with a length of stay of one year or more, was 27.7 days (median 16 days).

References

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 Daly A and Craig S (2021) HRB StatLink Series 5 National Psychiatric In-Patient Reporting System (NPIRS) Annual Report on the *Activities of Irish Psychiatric Units and Hospitals 2020*. Dublin: Health Research Board.

Figure 2: Admissions for selected diagnostic groups by CHO area. Ireland 2020. Rates per 100,000 total population

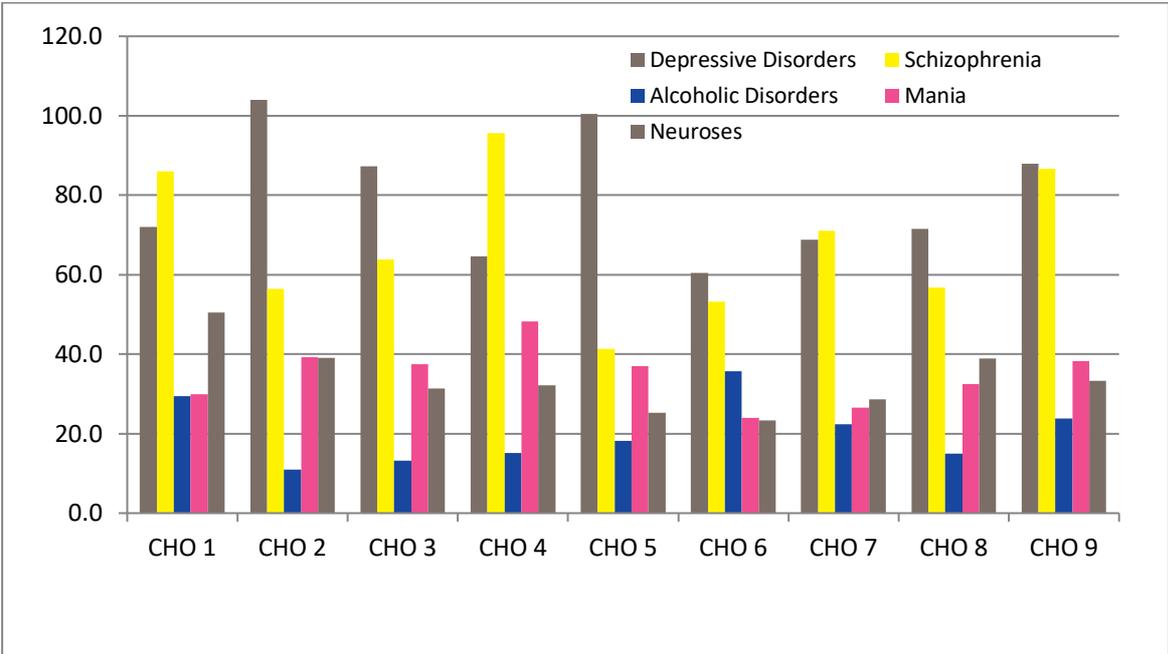


Figure 3: All and first involuntary admissions by CHO area. Ireland 2020. Rates per 100,000 total population

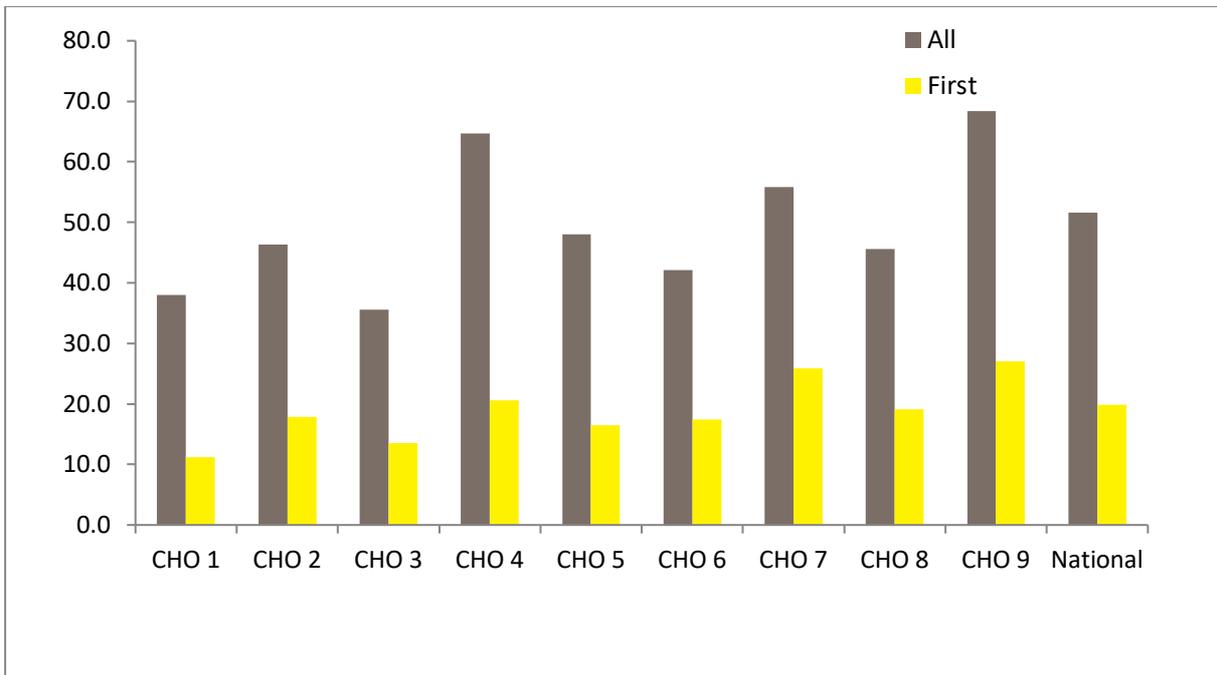


Figure 4: Average length of stay (days) for all discharges and discharges up to 1 year by CHO area. Ireland 2020.

