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To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 75 years of age or over that experienced an emergency department wait time of more than 24 hours in April 2018; and the hospitals in which the wait occurred

-Stephen S. Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The table below details the total number of persons aged 75 years and over who have experienced an Emergency Department wait time of greater than 24hrs, by hospital in April 2018.

**Table 1: 75+ Patients Waiting Over 24hrs in April 2018**

	<b><u>75+ Patients waiting &gt;24hrs</u></b>
<b>Dublin Midlands Hospital Group</b>	<b>198</b>
Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise	13
Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore	40
Naas General Hospital	64
St. James's Hospital	31
Tallaght University Hospital	50
<b>Ireland East Hospital Group</b>	<b>265</b>
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	125
MRH Mullingar	18
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	10

St Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	0
St. Michael's Hospital	0
St. Vincent's University Hospital	108
Wexford General Hospital	4
<b>RCSI Hospitals Group</b>	<b>140</b>
Beaumont Hospital	26
Cavan General Hospital	5
Connolly Hospital	80
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	29
<b>Saolta University Health Care Group</b>	<b>142</b>
Galway University Hospitals	136
Letterkenny University Hospital	1
Mayo University Hospital	2
Portiuncula University Hospital	1
Sligo University Hospital	2
<b>South/South West Hospital Group</b>	<b>355</b>
Cork University Hospital	110
Mercy University Hospital	42
South Tipperary General Hospital	69
UH Kerry	49
UH Waterford	85
<b>UL Hospitals Group</b>	<b>164</b>
UH Limerick	164
<b>National Total</b>	<b>1264</b>

Data Source: BIU Created 23/05/2018

\* Please note this data is preliminary and may be subject to change

As you will be aware older persons presenting to Emergency Departments are likely to be complex, with multiple co morbidities, have a longer Patient Experience Time (PET) in ED and to require in-patient admission. They also generally require longer length of stay which in turn places greater demand on bed capacity. The HSE through the Integrated Care of the Older Persons Programme and emerging Acute Floor concept is seeking to develop better alternatives to better manage the needs of older persons and strives to ensure no patient remains in ED for over 24 hours.

Yours sincerely,

*Grace Rothwell*

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**Grace Rothwell**  
Head of the SDU