



Unit 7A, The Dargan Building  
Heuston South Quarter  
Military Road  
Kilmainham  
Dublin 8.  
076 695 9991

16<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Deputy McGrath  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2.

PQ Ref 15327/19\*\* To ask the Minister for Health the number of women on the gynaecology outpatient waiting list; the number awaiting surgery; the length of time each woman is waiting by six monthly intervals; the number of surgeries completed in each year since 2007, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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

As of April 2019, the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) reported that 29,199 referrals are currently on the gynaecology outpatient waiting list. For ICT reasons, the NTPF do not receive outpatient data from Holles Street.

The NTPF provided the number of inpatient and day case referrals awaiting gynaecology care by hospital by six monthly intervals from October 2012 and to date in April 2019. This data may be seen on the following pages in Table 2. Please be advised that the NTPF only commenced the collection and collation of waiting lists in 2012 and also that waiting list data for a number of hospitals was not available in this format until later years. Please note that for ICT reasons the NTPF do not receive any inpatient data from the Rotunda, Coombe and Holles Street.

The Healthcare Pricing Office provided the following data on the number of total discharges with a principal gynaecology procedure reported by year of discharge, 2007-2017. Figures for 2018 are not yet available. Please note these data are inclusive of inpatient and day case patients, and one patient may have multiple discharges.

Year of Discharge	Total
2007	29,635
2008	30,725
2009	31,855
2010	34,327
2011	38,523
2012	41,795
2013	39,839
2014	39,714
2015	40,896
2016	41,157
2017	40,534

Table 1: Total gynaecology discharges, 2007-2017

Source: Healthcare Pricing Office

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Mary-Jo Biggs**  
General Manager, National Women and Infants Health Programme

Number of inpatient and day case referrals awaiting gynaecology care by hospital by six monthly intervals from October 2012 and to date in April 2019

Hospitals	26/10/ 12	26/04/ 13	31/10/ 13	30/04/ 14	31/10/ 14	30/04/ 15	29/10/ 15	28/04/ 16	27/10/ 16	27/04/ 17	31/10/ 17	26/04/ 18	31/10/ 18	04/04/ 19
Beaumont Hospital	771	566	665	723	762	855	882	730	729	904	774	679	421	478
Cavan General Hospital	956	919	812	892	906	907	946	894	837	1059	897	1004	1089	1282
CHI at Temple St			161	80	56	55	34	57	83	87	111	106	115	125
Connolly Hospital	285	297	304	304	324	405	413	516	419	294	301	235	245	182
Coombe										2882	2020	2167	2285	2450
Cork University Hospital	2674	2659	3078	3102	3790	4383	3149	3707	4193					
Cork University Maternity Hospital										4667	4086	3629	3297	1728
Ennis Hospital	600	564	404	222	248	242	226	250	330	423	416	445	404	427
Galway University Hospital	1931	1850	1882	1820	1848	2309	2273	1785	1726	1789	1705	1687	1757	1814
Kerry General Hospital	362	549	667	677	658	566	504	470	586	582	592	631	663	750
Letterkenny General Hospital	1166	764	949	978	1298	1477	1472	1449	1165	1160	1232	1430	1601	1730
Louth County Hospital	355	402	404	211	283	299	444	554	401	460	320	251	232	359
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	194	174	321	199	140	100	152	256	107	188	161	246	403	294
Mayo General Hospital	226	141	157	160	177	114	128	132	149	131	175	183	268	331
Mercy University Hospital	192	119	2											
Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar	470	555	606	683	750	620	819	852	1074	1232	1379	1183	1502	1497
Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise	535	659	627	669	561	508	327	320	446	521	654	891	1203	1461
Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore	159	181	154	134	71	47	12	71	120	147	115	112	73	60
Nenagh Hospital	158	160	155	169	163	216	190	232	248	325	214	224	156	176
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda	1437	1535	1234	1021	933	1051	974	1128	979	1226	1009	837	861	889
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	279	358	334	326	323	369	433	459	427	462	474	465	513	571
Portiuncula Hospital	493	535	628	811	765	701	793	740	635	590	531	538	507	503

Number of inpatient and day case referrals awaiting gynaecology care by hospital by six monthly intervals from October 2012 and to date in April 2019

Roscommon Hospital	5	2	20	28	29	13								
Rotunda Hospital							1549	1656	2032	2466	2854	3392	3398	3855
Sligo Regional Hospital	283	306	347	444	399	534	518	645	613	661	657	618	735	853
South Infirmar y Victoria	79	63												
South Tipperary General Hospital	188	227	309	237	414	418	501	431	438	371	348	276	239	298
St. Columcille's Hospital	30	27	19	10	4	12	11	28	17	24	19	38	68	85
St. James's Hospital		55	68	92	63	30	46	61	82	69	61	63	38	125
St. John's Hospital Limerick	302	336	343	322	315	318	291	257	301	334	274	225	212	247
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	3			602	702	674	688	670	713	687	599	515	500	445
St. Michael's Hospital Dun Laoghaire		129	475	488	323	350	407	447	496	484	488	441	461	465
St. Vincent's University Hospital	214	168	173	207	272	257	294	337	361	404	338	254	349	396
Tallaght Hospital	1622	1567	1542	1332	1571	1885	1685	1349	1505	1814	2040	2080	2518	2987
University Hospital Limerick	592	512	519	501	540	595	878	1163	1377	1174	1097	853	972	1045
University Hospital Waterford	471	525	581	1	519	588	621	651	633	602	415	590	537	522
Wexford General Hospital	846	988	989	1012	936	994	957	1035	902	762	609	523	657	769
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17878</b>	<b>17892</b>	<b>18929</b>	<b>18457</b>	<b>20143</b>	<b>21892</b>	<b>22617</b>	<b>23332</b>	<b>24124</b>	<b>28981</b>	<b>26965</b>	<b>26811</b>	<b>28279</b>	<b>29199</b>

Table2: Number of inpatient and day case referrals awaiting gynaecology care by hospital by six monthly intervals from October 2012 and to date in April 2019

Source: National Treatment Purchase Fund