



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



Midland
Regional
Hospital
Tullamore

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23rd May 2019.

Deputy Brian Stanley TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: **PQ ref 15560/19** - To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries and procedures cancelled by specialty at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore, in each month in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, by patient did not attend, self-cancellation and cancellation by hospital.

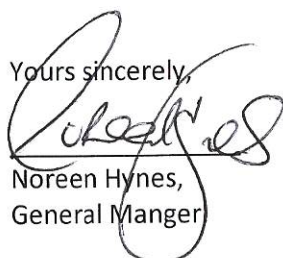
Dear Deputy,

Further to your recent correspondence, the requested information is contained below.

The Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore is the regional centre for Orthopaedics, ENT, Oncology, Haematology and Renal services for the Midlands and its environs. The number of day cases undertaken in 2018 was 32,899, representing an increase of 1.9% on 2017 activity and 11,592 inpatients. While this represents a slight drop in inpatient discharges over this period (-1.3%), attendances to our Emergency Department increased by 6%. Cancellation of scheduled day case and elective procedures can occur in order to cope with such increases in acute presentations to the Emergency Department. There were also significant weather events in 2018 which resulted in the cancellation of non-urgent scheduled day case and elective procedures during the period. It should also be noted that the March 2019 data suggests that while we experienced unplanned events such as the nursing strike, the Hospital is operating ahead of its inpatient activity of approximately 8.7% while the day case (scheduled) activity in the same period is decreased by 7%.

The Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore always endeavours to avoid cancelling patient treatment, and strive to reschedule cancelled patients as quickly as possible. The Hospital accepts that no person should be waiting prolonged periods for care and treatment and regret where a scheduled appointment is cancelled beyond the control of the Hospital. In managing activity and waiting lists, the Hospital constantly strive to reduce waiting times for all patients and there are many initiatives and pathways being pursued in an effort to meet the ever growing demands on our services. The Hospital also continues to validate waiting lists and would urge all patients unable to attend an appointment that they inform the hospital in a timely manner so the appointment can be offered to another person waiting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

 Noreen Hynes,
 General Manger

2017

CANCELLATION BREAKDOWN												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Orthopaedics												
Admission Cancelled	124	83	67	45	69	75	73	70	62	69	62	59
DNA's	4	2	5	2	1	3	0	2	4	7	5	2
Cardiology												
Admission Cancelled	11	4	6	6	10	10	19	2	8	24	14	4
DNA's	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	2	2	1	2	2
ENT												
Admission Cancelled	59	50	96	97	126	54	64	59	75	64	58	57
DNA's	8	7	9	2	7	7	5	9	3	7	2	5
General Medicine												
Admission Cancelled	17	22	32	25	42	27	34	27	25	34	29	31
DNA's	10	8	2	4	4	8	9	6	6	9	7	3
General Surgery												
Admission Cancelled	81	68	75	65	94	89	66	94	121	88	65	59
DNA's	17	19	14	9	21	10	24	13	11	25	21	14

2018

CANCELLATION BREAKDOWN												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Orthopaedics												
Admission Cancelled	124	93	65	67	96	75	62	58	73	64	63	89
DNA's	8	0	5	6	3	1	0	1	2	1	1	0
Cardiology												
Admission Cancelled	0	21	7	11	7	10	7	12	7	9	12	12
DNA's	0	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	0
ENT												
Admission Cancelled	0	65	75	43	96	54	66	55	54	45	55	43
DNA's	0	5	3	6	3	5	6	7	11	0	1	4
General Medicine												
Admission Cancelled	0	27	43	25	25	27	25	33	23	45	16	33
DNA's	0	5	5	6	11	7	7	11	11	10	5	4
General Surgery												
Admission Cancelled	0	83	92	83	77	89	104	64	73	88	75	53
DNA's	0	15	14	12	23	19	22	15	25	27	23	10

2019

Orthopaedics	Jan	Feb
Admission Cancelled	45	76
DNA's	3	2
ENT		
Admission Cancelled	67	64
DNA's	6	3
General Medicine		
Admission Cancelled	29	41
DNA's	6	7
General Surgery		
Admission Cancelled	98	140
DNA's	24	14

