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Deputy Alan Kelly TD
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Dublin 2

PQ 16305/19* To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients being treated for cataracts in public and private hospitals by year and hospital in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019.

-Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

The Hospital In-patient Enquiry (HIPE) is responsible for the collection of discharges from public hospitals, HIPE does not collect information from private hospitals. HIPE records In-patient and day case discharges. ED and Out-patient attendances are not recorded on the on the (HIPE) system.

Each HIPE discharge record represents one episode of care. Patients may be admitted to hospital more than once in any given time period with the same or different diagnoses.

I set out below the information requested as provided by the Healthcare Pricing Office regarding the number of discharges reported to HIPE with any listed procedure of cataract surgery. The latest closed year available is year 2017. Please note that for reasons of confidentiality HIPE does not report cells where the number is 5 or less. Therefore, any hospital with 5 or less discharges with the treatment specified is not presented in the table below.



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Number of discharges of cataract procedures, reported to HIPE, 2015-2017

Hospital	2015	2016	2017
Our Ladys Childrens Hospital; Crumlin	11	17	15
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	1,658	1,640	1,674
St. Vincents University Hospital	591	581	709
Temple Street Childrens University Hospital	51	48	29
Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital; Dublin	2,546	2,482	2,962
Beaumont Hospital; Dublin	39	54	49
University Hospital Waterford	1,439	1,229	1,297
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	1,097	1,097	1,148
University Hospital Limerick	1,190	1,346	1,319
Galway University Hospitals	863	766	1,079
Letterkenny University Hospital	89	82	98
Sligo University Hospital	1,726	1,767	1,943
Louth County Hospital; Dundalk	227	297	314
TOTAL	11,527	11,406	12,636

Yours sincerely,

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