



Géaroibríochtaí,
Áras Dargan, An Ceantar Theas, Bóthar, Míleata, Baile Átha Cliath 8

Acute Operations,
The Dargan Building, Heuston South Quarter, Military Road, Dublin 8

13 December 2019

Deputy Bríd Smith TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ /19/49698

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons recorded as incidents of self-harm and or attempted suicide that presented at hospitals and emergency departments in each of the years 2008 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and the number of same that registered as having no fixed abode or classified as homeless"

Dear Deputy Smith

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 made enquiries on this matter and can advise as follows:

The HSE records and reports on emergency department attendances (presentations) only.

Where a patient is subsequently admitted to hospital following an emergency department attendance, then the treatment they receive is recorded. This information is recorded on the Hospital Inpatient Enquiry System (HIPE). In relation to the data provided, please note the following:

- *In-patient and day case discharges are reported only; ED and out-patient attendances are not recorded on HIPE.*
- *HIPE data is based on hospitalisations which may include multiple admissions for the same patient. Therefore, it is not possible to use HIPE to examine certain parameters such as the number of hospital encounters per patient, or to estimate incidence or prevalence of disease.*
- *For every discharge HIPE captures a principal diagnosis and up to 29 additional diagnoses, the table below is based on discharges with a principal diagnosis of the listed ICD-10-AM codes.*
- *Diagnosis and Procedures are coded using ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS (2015-2018 used 8th edition).*
- *ICD-10-AM is the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification.*
- *The ICD-10-AM disease component is based on the World Health Organisation (WHO) ICD-10. ICD-10-AM is used in conjunction with the Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI), and the Australian Coding Standards (ACS) to reflect an accurate health episode of care.*

The table below provides information on emergency in-patient discharges from acute hospitals with any diagnosis from the specified diagnosis code list for self harm and/or suicidal ideation, 2008-2018, and the number of those with Area of Residence="No fixed abode". Definitions of principal diagnosis, additional diagnosis and Area of Residence are given in the table.



Géaroibríochtaí,
Áras Dargan, An Ceantar Theas, Bóthar, Míleata, Baile Átha Cliath 8

Acute Operations,
The Dargan Building, Heuston South Quarter, Military Road, Dublin 8

There is not a robust method in HIPE to identify homelessness or living in emergency accommodation, so we are therefore not able to provide information on this. The HSE has no plans to develop and administer such a database.

Year	All Emergency in-patient discharges	Emergency in-patient discharges with Area of Residence "No fixed abode"
2008	3814	12
2009	3761	18
2010	3910	16
2011	3872	23
2012	4268	28
2013	4186	44
2014	4172	51
2015	3655	31
2016	3956	28
2017	4330	18
2018	4403	30

Filename: H190353_HIPE_Information.xlsx

Source : HIPE, Healthcare Pricing Office

Data used: HIPE_2018_ASOF_0419_V18_CLOSE

Date: December 2019

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Morton
Assistant National Director
Acute Operations