



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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PQ 49971/19 * To ask the Minister for Health the significant variance between waiting time for surgery under the care of different consultants; and the variance from the mean in this regard.

Dear Deputy Tobin,

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.

Response:

The National Inpatient Day Case Planned Procedure (IDPP) Waiting List Management Protocol is intended to provide guidance to ensure that there is a consistent and standardised approach to the management of patients on Inpatient, Day case and Planned Procedure (IDPP) waiting lists within each hospital, per speciality and across hospital groups. The protocol can be accessed via the NTPF website (<https://www.ntpf.ie>).

The HSE does not collect waiting list data at individual consultant level on a national basis. The NTPF as part of their data collection gather data to consultant level, however this is classed as "Special Category of Personal Data" under GDPR and is not shared, except the hospital from which the data came. Please see the link to the NTPF data protection <https://www.ntpf.ie/home/data-protection.htm#pagemarker05>

Figures for the end of November 2019 demonstrate the number of patients waiting over 3 months on the Active IPDC list fell by 2,252 to 36,509 in the month. This was a reduction of 6.2%, which is the largest monthly percentage reduction in the number waiting more than three months since 2013. The HSE is targeting IPDC waiting lists and overall this year has seen a 27% reduction in waiting list numbers.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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