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**PQ /19/51931**

*"To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient discharges from hospitals in which patients were discharged to no fixed address including bed and breakfasts, hostels, hotels and so on to date in 2019, in tabular form"*

Dear Deputy O'Reilly

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 Inpatient Enquiry (HIPE) system records in patient discharges only and does not record attendances at Emergency Departments.

In relation to the potential data available, HIPE does not record homelessness/no fixed abode as a Discharge Destination. The only information recorded on HIPE relating to homelessness/no fixed abode is within the code set for the Area of Residence provided by the patient at the time of admission, i.e. the place where the person states they normally reside (their home address). The code for "no fixed abode" does not capture the information you have requested.

Therefore, I regret to advise that the information you have requested is unavailable.

In terms of what is available, the table below outlines the numbers of patients discharged in 2018 whom provided "No Fixed Abode" as their area of residence. Data for 2019 is not yet validated and is therefore unavailable.

Discharge Year	2018
Discharge Count	377

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I hope this response is helpful.

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