



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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Deputy Stephen Donnelly
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Leinster House
Dublin 2

Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine
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PQ 52230/19 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of procedures the HSE has procured from private and independent hospitals to date in 2019; the amount spent by the HSE on procedures in private and independent hospitals to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Stephen Donnelly

PQ 52233/19 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient appointments the HSE has procured from private and independent hospitals to date in 2019; the amount spent by the HSE on the appointments in private and independent hospitals to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Stephen Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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 HSE has not been allocated specific funding in 2019 to support the procurement of procedures from private and independent hospitals. Individual hospitals may have had the requirement to put local arrangements in place to support treatment for specific patients, however, this information is not held centrally.

The Deputy will be aware that the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) has been allocated funding of €75m in 2019 to support treatment for patients who are waiting on outpatient, in-patient and day-case waiting lists. The treatments supported by the NTPF are being delivered through additional activity in public hospitals and activity in private hospitals arranged by the NTPF.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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