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Health Service Executive



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Deputy Michael Harty
Dáil Éireann
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*** To ask the Minister for Health the methodology for calculating the trolleyGAR statistics on patients waiting in casualty for admission; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

- **Michael Harty**

Dear Deputy Harty

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.

TrolleyGar is a performance and monitoring tool used to measure the number of patients in Emergency Departments where there has been a decision to admit as an inpatient.

TrolleyGar statistics are based on comparing the number of reported trolleys at each site at three set times during the day, 8am, 2pm and 8pm with the same day the previous year.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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