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Health Service Executive



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Deputy Michael Harty
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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*** To ask the Minister for Health if patients waiting on corridors or in extra beds in wards are considered as part of the trolleyGAR statistics; 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.

I can confirm that all patients waiting in an area, such as on corridors, which is defined as an 'inappropriate bed space' are recorded by TrolleyGar. TrolleyGar reports are issued at 8am, 2pm and 8pm daily detailing the numbers of patients at each hospital site with an Emergency Department awaiting admission to an inpatient bed.

An appropriate bed space must have a bed, curtains, access to bathroom facilities, access oxygen and suction facilities, a named consultant and nursing team assigned and the patient is on a documented pathway of care. The definition of an appropriate bed space has been agreed between the HSE and INMO.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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