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“To ask the Minister for Health if all hospital emergency departments include the monitoring of attendances as a result of alcohol and drug use in their electronic patient system”

Dear Deputy Curran

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 made enquiries on this matter and can advise as follows:

The HSE records emergency department attendances but current systems are not capable of recording and reporting on injury specific data.

Where a patient is subsequently admitted to hospital following an emergency department attendance, then the treatment they receive is recorded. This information is recorded on the Hospital Inpatient Enquiry System (HIPE). Having conferred with the HSE HIPE office, they advise that while in many instances, specific injuries are coded and recorded, the cause of the injury is not always recorded. In this case, no data exists.

Therefore, I regret to advise that the information you have requested is not available.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Morton'.

Robert Morton
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