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Building a  
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**Performance Management  
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Deputy Louise O'Reilly, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

PQ 31727/19

\* To ask the Minister for Health the emergency department waiting times greater than 24 hours for persons over 75 years of age to date in 2019; if the targets were met; if not, the number of persons over 75 years of age that had a wait of more than 24 hours in an emergency department to date in 2019, by month and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Louise O'Reilly

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 table below details the total number of persons aged 75 years and over who have experienced an Emergency Department wait time of greater than 24hrs, by month and by hospital for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

	Number > 24hrs	Number > 24hrs	Number > 24hrs	Number > 24hrs	Number > 24hrs	Number > 24hrs
	January	February	March	April	May	June
<b>National Total:</b>	<b>1518</b>	<b>1395</b>	<b>1436</b>	<b>1255</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>1100</b>
<b>Dublin Midlands Hospital Group</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>196</b>
MRH Portlaoise	16	16	22	5	4	0
MRH Tullamore	50	57	75	67	63	55
Naas General Hospital	91	68	95	91	116	89
St. James's Hospital	16	21	24	27	12	4
Tallaght University Hospital	38	35	44	51	30	48
<b>Ireland East Hospital Group</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>174</b>
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	166	107	145	146	126	103
MRH Mullingar	13	11	8	9	16	6
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	8	3	2	11	3	2
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	1	0	0	0	1	0

St. Michael's Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Vincent's University Hospital	173	130	70	99	67	61
Wexford General Hospital	0	1	0	0	1	2
<b>RCSI Hospitals Group</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>119</b>
Beaumont Hospital	102	100	87	103	102	94
Cavan General Hospital	6	5	5	5	6	7
Connolly Hospital	51	52	36	17	17	14
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	42	51	39	9	12	4
<b>Saolta University Health Care Group</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>165</b>
Galway University Hospitals	120	149	180	164	88	153
Letterkenny University Hospital	6	4	0	2	3	5
Mayo University Hospital	6	5	5	5	3	3
Portiuncula University Hospital	0	1	0	1	0	0
Sligo University Hospital	2	2	2	2	2	4
<b>South / South West Hospital Group</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>332</b>
Cork University Hospital	122	130	153	97	85	136
Mercy University Hospital	72	62	34	44	30	22
South Tipperary General Hospital	1	1	0	0	1	0
UH Kerry	63	80	88	57	37	60
UH Waterford	160	139	120	64	69	114
<b>UL Hospitals Group</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>114</b>
UH Limerick	193	165	202	179	102	114

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As you will be aware older persons presenting to Emergency Departments are likely to be complex, with multiple co morbidities, have a longer Patient Experience Time (PET) in ED and to require in-patient admission. Older persons also generally require a longer length of stay which in turn places greater demand on bed capacity. The HSE through the Integrated Care of the Older Persons Programme and emerging Acute Floor concept is seeking to develop better alternatives to better manage the needs of older persons and strives to ensure no patient remains in ED for over 24 hours.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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