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Deputy Hildegarde Naughton TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 19623 19: *To ask the Minister for Health the cost to the HSE in 2018 and to date in 2019 for the use of private ambulance transport of patients to and or from University Hospital Galway and Merlin Park University Hospital, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Naughton,

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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

The amount paid to private ambulance providers by University Hospital Galway for 2018 was €511,436. There were no private ambulance costs incurred by Merlin Park Hospital. Please note that the 2018 data is draft only and is subject to change within the year end audit process. The data was sourced from the HSE Regional Finance systems and is for HSE Statutory services only.

I regret to inform you that the data for 2019 is not readily available currently from our central information systems or from previously collated data.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 045 882559.

Yours sincerely

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