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PQ 40427/19

*** To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients 75 years of age or over that experienced an emergency department wait time of more than 24 hours during September 2019; the total number to date in 2019; and the hospitals in which the wait occurred.**

- Stephen Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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 during the month of September 2019 (1st – 30th September) and for the year to date (1st January – 8th October 2019) per hospital.

	Number > 24hrs	Number > 24hrs
	September	YTD
National Total:	1512	11968
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	177	1849
MRH Portlaoise	1	66
MRH Tullamore	57	521
Naas General Hospital	92	782
St. James's Hospital	4	112
Tallaght University Hospital	23	368
Ireland East Hospital Group	294	2461
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	164	1308
MRH Mullingar	20	106
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	2	44
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	1	4
St. Michael's Hospital	0	0

St. Vincent's University Hospital	107	992
Wexford General Hospital	0	7
RCSI Hospitals Group	173	1339
Beaumont Hospital	101	798
Cavan General Hospital	23	64
Connolly Hospital	16	250
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	33	227
Saolta University Health Care Group	202	1450
Galway University Hospitals	191	1358
Letterkenny University Hospital	4	25
Mayo University Hospital	0	36
Portiuncula University Hospital	2	6
Sligo University Hospital	5	25
South / South West Hospital Group	454	3420
Cork University Hospital	168	1332
Mercy University Hospital	61	416
South Tipperary General Hospital	0	4
UH Kerry	69	588
UH Waterford	156	1080
UL Hospitals Group	212	1449
UH Limerick	212	1449

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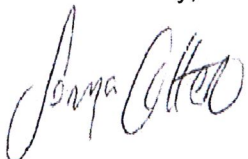
Data Source: PET Data

Subject: 75+ Patients who waited over 24hrs during September 2019 and the number to date in 2019

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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