



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

6th January 2021

Deputy Réada Cronin
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2.

Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine
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PQ 44498/20 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and teenagers being treated for alcohol-related injury and illness in each of the past three years; the number in north County Kildare in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cronin,

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.

The table attached was provided to me by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) which is responsible for managing and reporting data from the Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) System. The HIPE System is a health information system designed to collect medical and administrative data regarding discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals. Please note that HIPE does not collect Emergency Department or out-patient data.

The figures provided relate only to patients who were admitted to hospital as a result of their injury. The figures do not include patients who were treated entirely in the ED as the HIPE system does not capture this information.

HIPE has provided the number of discharges, aged 13 years and above, with an alcohol-related diagnosis for Kildare and nationally, 2017-2019. The HIPE system is not able to provide the data at a geographic below county level.

I trust that this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory
General Manager