



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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PQ 12304/20* *To ask the Minister for Health the public elective surgeries that have taken place in private hospitals from 2 June to 13 June 2020, by hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Joan Collins*

Dear Deputy Collins,

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.

Please see attached IP Discharges and Day Case Discharges for the period as requested. Please note, that for the duration of the agreement with private hospitals all patients were treated as Public as set out under the Heads of Terms with Private Providers.

The HSE has been working with National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) to establish a mechanism to allow for return of data from Private Hospitals similar to data collected from Public Hospitals. This data is being submitted to the Hospital Pricing Office (HPO) by the NTPF to allow the creation of a HIPE record. This record will have sufficient data to allow grouping of cases into the Australian DRG Classification which is also used by HSE Hospitals to code data.

In order to ensure early reporting of activity the HSE has put a manual data reporting system in place with private hospitals. This supports the return of a limited dataset which remains subject to validation based on electronic data returns through the NTPF.

In the context of COVID-19, there is a significant reduction in all scheduled care activity across all Acute Services including outpatient clinics, inpatient and day case procedures this is in line with the National Action Plan on COVID-19 (page 20).
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/47b727-government-publishes-national-action-plan-on-covid-19/>

Information relating to individual Hospitals and the disruption is available on the HSE website at <https://www2.hse.ie/services/hospital-service-disruptions/hospital-service-disruptions-covid19.html>

The reduction in activity is to ensure patient safety and that all appropriate resources, both physical and human, are made available for COVID-19 related activity. Time-critical essential work continues throughout the system in line with the National Action Plan, Clinical Programme and World Health Organisation recommendations.

Further information around specific clinical areas has been made available by the National Clinical Programmes and is available at <https://hse.drsteevenslibrary.ie/Covid19V2/acute>

As interim guidance has now been issued through the CCO's office around the resumption of services with appropriate COVID related precautions scheduled care activity is now commencing in our acute hospitals, private facilitates and opportunities arise for potential services being delivered in the community are being explored.

You may be aware that on 29th May, 2020 the Government decided that the agreement with the Private Hospitals should be terminated on June 30th in line with the terms of the Heads of Agreement. The Government further decided that the HSE should seek to agree through immediate negotiation with the Private Hospitals a new arrangement to come into effect from July.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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