



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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Deputy Róisín Shortall TD
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PQ 12398/20* *To ask the Minister for Health if each hospital group has a data protection officer; and if not, the person or body that assists patients with requests to access their health data records - Róisín Shortall*

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 Health Service Executive has an appointed Data Protection Officer for the entire HSE covering all HSE run acute, community, corporate and other services. Accordingly, HSE hospitals do not have an individual designated Data Protection Officer.

In addition, there are four Deputy Data Protection Officers who work in regional Consumer Affairs Departments and manage data protection matters locally under the guidance of the Data Protection Officer for the HSE. Their contact details and processes by which requests relating to data protection can be made is available in the HSE's Data Protection policy published on the HSE website <https://www.hse.ie/eng/gdpr/hse-data-protection-policy/>.

Each of the Voluntary (Section 38) Hospitals is a Data Controller in its own right and is responsible for its own GDPR management. Information on making data protection requests to these Data Protection Officers is available from the individual hospital website.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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