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## Performance Management and Improvement Unit

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Deputy Stephen Donnelly, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

### PQ 3410/20

**\*To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 75 years or over that experienced an emergency department wait time more than 24 hours during December 2019; the overall number 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 24 hours during the month of December 2019 (1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December) and the total number in 2019, per hospital.

	75+ Number > 24hrs	75+ Number > 24hrs
	December 2019	Total 2019
<b>National Total:</b>	<b>1776</b>	<b>17137</b>
<b>Dublin Midlands Hospital Group</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>2538</b>
MRH Portlaoise	1	70
MRH Tullamore	64	692
Naas General Hospital	98	1064
St. James's Hospital	27	166
Tallaght University Hospital	79	546
<b>Ireland East Hospital Group</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>3568</b>
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	154	1784
MRH Mullingar	16	162
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	17	81
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	0	7
St. Michael's Hospital	0	0
St. Vincent's University Hospital	190	1499
Wexford General Hospital	10	35

<b>RCSI Hospitals Group</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>2072</b>
Beaumont Hospital	93	1114
Cavan General Hospital	13	133
Connolly Hospital	77	427
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	49	398
<b>Saolta University Health Care Group</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>2071</b>
Galway University Hospitals	183	1933
Letterkenny University Hospital	4	51
Mayo University Hospital	4	46
Portiuncula University Hospital	2	9
Sligo University Hospital	0	32
<b>South / South West Hospital Group</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>4873</b>
Cork University Hospital	215	1902
Mercy University Hospital	100	636
South Tipperary General Hospital	1	6
UH Kerry	113	861
UH Waterford	104	1468
<b>UL Hospitals Group</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>2015</b>
UH Limerick	162	2015

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The number of older persons presenting to Emergency Departments is growing higher than the overall increase in the general population. Older persons presenting to Emergency Departments are much more likely to be admitted and will stay twice as long as the general population. Consequently when patients wait on trolleys a higher number of patients waiting are in the older persons category and particularly in the greater than 75 years category.

The HSE is engaging in a number of programmes and initiatives to address how older people's care needs are met not just in hospital but to prevent them presenting to hospital Emergency Departments. The Integrated Care of the Older Persons Programme has invested in a number of sites across the country, which are already showing a positive impact in this regard, as is the investment in FITT teams and other initiatives to address frailty at the hospital 'front door'.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,




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