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Building a
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Performance Management and Improvement Unit

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Deputy Louise O'Reilly
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PQ 3586/20

*** To ask the Minister for Health the number of times a full-capacity protocol was invoked in 2019, by hospitals in tabular form: and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

- Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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.

Each Hospital Site and Group strive at all times to have the systems and processes in place to support the steady state within sites which is said to exist when demand and capacity for acute inpatient care, both current and predicted unscheduled and scheduled care is being managed such that there is timely access to emergency (unscheduled) and scheduled care.

In the event that this is not so at a particular time /day then the local escalation plan containing the steps in the National System Wide Escalation Framework is invoked. The National Escalation Framework consists of a tiered and incremental suite of actions to be adapted and implemented in hospitals with an Emergency Department and the wider local health economy as part of a multi provider system response; same was issued to the system in late 2015.

The full capacity protocol which is the last escalation step in the National Framework is deployed in each hospital depending on the capacity and demand within their respective Emergency Departments.

The Table below details the number of times the full capacity protocol (in accordance with the National Escalation Framework) was reported at each hospital from 1st January 2019 – 31st December 2019.

Hospital Group	Hospital	Year	Month	Number of Days in FCP
Children's Health Ireland	CHI at Temple St	2019	November	3
			December	2
Dublin Midlands Group	Naas General Hospital	2019	January	22
			February	14

			March	24
			April	24
			May	25
			June	16
			July	10
			August	20
			September	22
			October	15
			November	26
			December	23
	Portlaoise	2019	January	22
			February	9
			March	11
			April	10
			May	10
			June	1
			July	3
			August	2
			September	2
			December	4
	St. James Hospital	2019	March	1
			April	1
			October	2
	Tallaght University Hospital	2019	January	21
			February	18
			March	16
			April	20
			May	16
			June	20
			July	10
			August	11
			October	7
			November	16
			December	14
	Tullamore	2019	January	23
			February	19
			March	19
			April	20
			May	17
			June	13
			July	4
			August	3
			September	5
Ireland East Group	Mullingar	2019	January	3
			February	3
			March	1
			April	4
			May	8
			June	1
			July	5
			August	7
			September	9
			October	14
			November	2

	Our Lady's Hospital, Navan	2019	January	22
			February	7
			March	10
			April	10
			May	7
			June	3
			July	1
			August	15
			September	6
			October	7
			November	6
			December	6
	St Lukes Hospital, Kilkenny	2019	January	9
			February	8
			March	14
			April	8
			May	4
			July	14
			August	17
			September	17
			October	17
			November	25
			December	26
	Wexford General Hospital	2019	January	1
			February	4
			March	11
			April	3
			May	3
			June	1
			July	10
			August	10
			September	7
			October	4
			November	2
			December	1
RCSI Hospital Group	Beaumont Hospital	2019	January	21
			February	19
			March	18
			April	20
			May	21
			June	18
			July	14
			August	8
			September	19
			October	15
			November	21
			December	16
	Cavan General Hospital	2019	August	1
			September	2
			October	4
			December	3
	Connolly Hospital	2019	January	4
			February	1

			April	1
			June	1
			July	1
			November	1
	Our Lady of Lourdes, Drogheda	2019	January	10
			February	9
			March	12
			April	3
			July	7
			August	1
			September	5
			October	12
			November	6
			December	5
Saolta University Health Care Group	Galway University Hospital	2019	January	27
			February	23
			March	28
			April	27
			May	21
			June	19
			July	28
			August	26
			September	29
			October	28
			November	26
			December	24
	Letterkenny University Hospital	2019	January	19
			February	11
			March	11
			April	14
			May	16
			June	10
			July	18
			August	14
			September	21
			October	20
			November	19
			December	11
	Mayo University Hospital	2019	January	1
			February	3
			April	2
			June	1
			August	1
			September	1
			October	3
			November	3
			December	5
	Portiuncula University Hospital	2019	January	12
			February	12
			March	21
			April	18
			May	4

			June	9
			July	4
			August	9
			September	18
			October	10
			November	18
			December	13
	Sligo University Hospital	2019	January	16
			February	8
			March	17
			April	15
			May	13
			June	5
			July	10
			August	10
			September	9
			October	16
			November	13
			December	7
South South West Group	Cork University Hospital	2019	January	26
			February	23
			March	29
			April	22
			May	24
			June	28
			July	29
			August	31
			September	26
			October	27
			November	25
			December	21
	Mercy University Hospital, Cork	2019	January	1
	South Tipperary General Hospital	2019	January	22
			February	19
			March	22
			April	24
			May	27
			June	19
			July	23
			August	28
			September	24
			October	23
			November	24
			December	27
	University Hospital Kerry	2019	February	1
			October	1
	University Hospital Waterford	2019	January	28
			February	23
			March	29
			April	28
			May	30
			June	29

			July	28
			August	28
			September	27
			October	27
			November	28
			December	27
UL Hospitals Group	Limerick	2019	January	29
			February	26
			March	31
			April	29
			May	27
			June	24
			July	30
			August	29
			September	30
			October	31
			November	28
			December	25

Source: SDU TrolleyGAR Full Capacity Protocol Escalation Date of Report:
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*Data for 2019 covers period 1/1/2019 – 31/12/2019

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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