



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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Deputy Neale Richmond
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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PQ 32454/20* To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitalisations that occurred due to knife assaults in each of the years 2005 to 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Richmond,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The attached table 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 attached therefore pertain 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.

The figures include a small amount of elective cases which are most likely persons who came back after an initial episode of care for follow up care.

I trust that this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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