



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

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Deputy Róisín Shortall  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2.

***PQ 39147/20 \*To ask the Minister for Health the number of alcohol-related cases including blood alcohol poisoning and liver disease that have presented to hospital in each of the past twelve months in tabular form.\****

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted for response.

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.

Please note that they are only in a position to provide Jan-Dec 2019 as data for 2020 is not complete and subject to change.

HIPE data is based on hospitalisations which may include multiple admissions for the same patient. Therefore, it is not possible to use HIPE to examine certain parameters such as the number of hospital encounters per patient, or to estimate incidence or prevalence of disease. For every discharge HIPE captures a principal diagnosis and up to 29 additional diagnoses, and up to 20 procedures, in addition to administrative and demographic information.

I trust that this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carol Ivory". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C' and a long, sweeping tail.

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**Carol Ivory**  
**General Manager**  
**Acute Operations**