



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

23 September 2020

Deputy Holly Cairns
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PQ 23156/20 * *To ask the Minister for Health the number of DNRs signed in the healthcare system by month between 1 January 2015 and 1 July 2020, in tabular form.*

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

DNAR decisions are held locally in the individual patient medical record and details are not collected centrally, therefore I regret that the level of detail you request is not available in Acute Operations.

Guidance for physicians with regard to such Advance Care Directives is mentioned in a report published by the Irish Medical Council and can be found via the following link

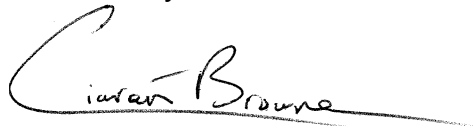
<https://www.medicalcouncil.ie/news-and-publications/reports/guide-to-professional-conduct-and-ethics-for-registered-medical-practitioners-amended-.pdf>

Further information can be found on the following guidance document published by the HSE.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/qid/other-quality-improvement-programmes/assisteddecisionmaking/hse-guidance-cpr-dnar-v1.pdf>

I trust that this is of assistance

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ciaran Browne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Ciaran Browne
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