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**15th October 2020,
Deputy Mark Ward,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.**

PQ Number 27446/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons presenting at emergency departments with suicide attempts, self-harm injuries and overdose by location in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 National Self-Harm Registry Ireland, operated by the National Suicide Research Foundation (NSRF), collects data related to self-harm presentations to all hospital emergency departments in the Republic of Ireland.

As illustrated in **Table 1**, the total number of self-harm presentations to hospital emergency departments in 2018 was 12,588. Based on provisional data, the number of self-harm presentations was 12,369 in 2019. Approximately two-thirds of self-harm presentations in 2018/19 (62%) involved an intentional drug overdose.

As a result of restrictions related to COVID-19, data collection for the Registry was suspended in most hospitals during the period 27 March – 29 June 2020. To date, provisional data has been collected on self-harm presentations to eight hospital emergency departments to the end of April 2020. These hospitals provide nationally-representative findings given their spread across the country and that they account for 35-40% of all self-harm presentations to hospitals each year.



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Table 1: Number of self-harm and intentional drug overdose presentations in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 by presenting hospital

Hospital	Self-harm				Intentional drug overdose			
	2018	2019*	Jan-Apr 2018/9**	Jan to Apr 2020*	2018	2019*	Jan-Apr 2018/9**	Jan to Apr 2020*
Adelaide & Meath & National Children's Hospital, Tallaght	808	778	249	250	498	490	160	164
Midland Regional Hospital, Mullingar	242	284			176	215		
Midland Regional Hospital, Portlaoise	313	269			218	193		
Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore	148	184			106	134		
Naas General Hospital	404	429			258	281		
Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin	70	45			39	32		
St Columille's Hospital, Loughlinstown	5	2			3	0		
St James's Hospital	735	744			464	479		
St Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire	43	44			23	26		
Other	788	766			542	528		
Beaumont Hospital	598	615			394	403		
Children's University Hospital, Temple Street	150	206			46	81		
James Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown	545	528			363	342		
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	774	711	257	261	459	443	154	174
Cavan General Hospital	220	234			126	136		
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	571	489			370	287		
Our Lady's Hospital, Navan	174	192			125	113		
St Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny	410	400			251	244		
South Tipperary General Hospital	323	314	114	82	202	215	71	55
Waterford Regional Hospital	386	456			207	248		
Wexford General Hospital	305	344			191	231		
Bantry General Hospital	35	51			31	48		
Cork University Hospital	663	559	193	156	407	319	115	80
Kerry General Hospital	411	391	134	109	242	248	90	65
Mercy University Hospital, Cork	714	705	249	218	422	429	151	130
Mid-Western Regional Hospital, Ennis	21	48			0	3		



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Mid-Western Regional Hospital, Limerick	901	896	308	301	566	544	197	198
Mid-Western Regional Hospital, Nenagh	4	0			1	0		
St John's Hospital, Limerick	1	0			0	0		
Letterkenny General Hospital	398	334			244	211		
Mayo General Hospital	293	279			158	154		
Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe	189	201			139	153		
Sligo General Hospital	269	273	94	80	166	153	53	50
University College Hospital, Galway	677	598			355	327		
Total	12588	12369	1598	1457	7792	7710	991	916

*Data for 2019 and 2020 is currently provisional and subject to revision.

**Data is based on averages for the periods Jan-April 2018 and 2019.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Dr Sinead Reynolds
General Manager Mental Health Services