



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

26th April 2021

Deputy Cormac Devlin
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine
Aonad 4A – Áras Dargan
An Ceantar Theas
An Bothar Mileata
Cill Mhaighneann
BÁC 8

Acute Operations
Health Service Executive
Unit 4A - The Dargan Building
Heuston South Quarter
Military Road
Kilmainham
Dublin 8.

PQ 18491/21 * To ask the Minister for Health the number of bariatric surgeries that have taken place each year since 2010 by region in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Devlin,

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.

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.

As agreed with you by email, the data in this table is based on discharges reported to HIPE with a principal procedure from Procedure Block 889 'Procedures for Morbid Obesity' (ACHI 6th edition 2010-2014) / 'Procedures for Obesity' (ACHI 8th edition 2015-2019). Please note that the blocks changed somewhat from ACHI 6th edition to 8th edition. The figures for each edition are therefore presented separately and caution should be used if comparing figures across editions, bearing in mind these changes.

Please note, in line with HSE policy, the HPO does not disclose cells where the number of discharges reported to HIPE is five or less. Therefore, values between one and five must be suppressed and are replaced by ~. The data is provided from 2010 to 2019 as the 2020 data is still being validated and prepared. The 2020 data should be available from mid May 2021 so please feel free to submit a new PQ then if you wish to obtain 2020 data of the same nature.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory
General Manager
Acute Operations