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PQ 21378/21\* *"To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have have availed of the cross border directive for each service (details supplied) in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter."*

*Details Supplied: acute/psychiatric hospital services - day, inpatient, outpatient care, community based outpatient care e.g.: dental/orthodontics services (some exceptions i.e. dental screening services in schools), speech language services, occupational therapy services (some exceptions i.e. assessment for aids at home), psychology services, physiotherapy services, disability services, methadone programme, ophthalmic (eye tests etc) services, mental health services.*

Dear Deputy Ward,

Thank you for your PQ above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

We collate data based on the medical speciality of the healthcare accessed abroad under the HSE Cross Border Directive and I am enclosing tables providing a breakdown of the available information applicable to your request. I wish to advise that similar data for the year 2016 is unavailable.

Please note to ensure patient confidentiality and prevent the possibility of patient identification, data is only available for release where numbers of occurrences are above 5. Please note where occurrences are 5 or below "N/A" is shown.

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0872668759 or via [catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie](mailto:catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie).

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Donohoe

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Quarter 1 2021			
Speciality	Outpatient	Day Case	Inpatient
Orthopaedics	293	25	151
Ophthalmology	175	190	N/A
Gynaecology	45	7	21
ENT	43	N/A	10
Neurology	28	N/A	16
Gastroenterology	19	6	8
Orthodontics	28	0	0
General Surgery	16	N/A	8
Urology	17	N/A	N/A
Plastic Surgery	13	N/A	7
Dental	N/A	N/A	0
Rheumatology	6	0	0
Vascular	N/A	N/A	0
Radiology	N/A	0	0
Cardiology	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dermatology	N/A	0	0
Paediatrics	N/A	0	0
Oral & Maxillo-Facial	N/A	N/A	0
Podiatric	N/A	N/A	0
Rehabilitation	0	N/A	0
Endocrinology	N/A	0	0
Pain Management	N/A	0	0
Respiratory	N/A	0	0
Plastic Surgery	N/A	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>229</b>

Year 2020			
Speciality	OPD	Daycase	Inpatient
Cardiology	42	6	N/A
Colorectal	13	9	0
Dental	8	N/A	N/A
Dermatology	46	10	0
Endocrinology	22	0	7
ENT	427	55	163
Gastroenterology	47	15	20
General Surgery	161	68	54
Genetics	22	0	0
Gynaecology	259	44	105
Haematology	N/A	0	0
Infectious Diseases	53	N/A	0
Neurology	194	27	85
Neurorehabilitation	10	0	0
Nuclear Medicine	0	N/A	0
Obstetrics	7	0	N/A
Oncology	N/A	0	0
Ophthalmology	1306	1395	N/A
Oral & Maxillo-Facial	13	23	0
Orthodontics	342	0	0
Orthopaedics	1942	136	1045
Paediatrics	16	N/A	N/A
Pain Management	16	17	0
Plastic Surgery	40	22	21
Podiatric	N/A	N/A	0
Psychiatry	20	0	0
Radiology	15	N/A	0
Rehabilitation	39	0	0
Respiratory	N/A	0	0
Rheumatology	10	N/A	0
Urology	93	50	26
Vascular	71	65	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>5245</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>1537</b>

2019		
Specialty	Outpatient & Daycase	Inpatient
Cardiology	49	0
Chiropody	N/A	0
Colorectal	8	0
Dermatology	64	0
Endocrinology	12	9
ENT	409	160
Gastroenterology	32	6
General Surgery	102	44
Gynaecology	203	78
Haematology	N/A	0
Infectious Diseases	10	0
Neurology	268	63
Neurorehabilitation	56	N/A
Nuclear Medicine	N/A	0
Ophthalmology	2670	0
Oral & Maxillo-Facial	56	N/A
Orthopaedics	1766	856
Orthodontics	419	0
Paediatric Gastroenterology	N/A	0
Paediatrics	6	0
Pain Management	46	0
Plastic Surgery	29	12
Podiatric	N/A	0
Psychiatry	8	0
Radiology	20	N/A
Rehabilitation	22	0
Respiratory	6	0
Rheumatology	10	0
Thoracic	N/A	0
Urology	115	21
Vascular	132	N/A
other	0	9
Total	6528	1269

<b>2018</b>		
<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Outpatient &amp; Daycase</b>	<b>Inpatient</b>
Orthopaedics	1436	812
Cardiology	26	N/A
Dental / Oral & Maxillo-Facial	69	N/A
ENT	357	172
Gastroenterology/Paediatric Gastroenterology	40	6
Gynaecology/Obstetrics	154	82
Neurology/Neuro rehabilitation	203	54
Ophthalmology	2288	16
Orthodontics	366	0
Other	130	40
Plastic Surgery	26	23
Radiology	10	N/A
Rheumatology	10	0
Surgery – General/Colorectal	90	35
Urology	144	22
Vascular Surgery	111	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>5460</b>	<b>1268</b>

<b>2017</b>		
<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Outpatient &amp; Daycase</b>	<b>Inpatient</b>
Orthopaedics	470	302
Orthodontics	290	0
ENT	140	64
Gynaecology	49	31
Urology	37	7
Gastroenterology/Paediatric Gastroenterology	45	15
Plastic Surgery	17	15
Ophthalmology	171	N/A
Cardiology	14	N/A
Dental / Oral & Maxillo-Facial	82	0
Neurology	81	40
Radiology	13	N/A
Rheumatology	N/A	0
Surgery – General	N/A	N/A
Vascular Surgery	35	N/A
Other	69	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>1519</b>	<b>492</b>

