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5th May, 2021

Deputy P. Daly, TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2

PQ Number: 15592/21

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the cost of operations and procedures for University Hospital Kerry referred to private hospitals under the National Treatment Purchase Fund for each of the years of 2018 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pa Daly

UHK cannot comment on the costs associated with the outsourcing of work to private hospitals under the NTPF as these fees are negotiated between both parties and confidential to both.

Of note UHK did not transfer any patients to private services for NTPF work in 2018.

In 2019 UHK referred 33 plastic patients to private hospitals and in 2020, 94 Orthopaedic surgical procedures (Hip and Knee replacements) patients transferred to private services under NTPF model.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Fearghal Grimes
General Manager
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