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PQ25296/21* *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of cross-border directive orthopaedic surgery referrals made in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the details of the countries to which these referrals were made; the number of cross-border directive orthopaedic referrals made in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of patients from University Hospital Galway; the details of the countries to which these referrals were made; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy Connolly,

Thank you for your PQ above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply. The National Contact Point office collates information on applications for prior authorisation and reimbursement pursuant to the provisions of the Cross Border Directive (CBD). Therefore the information we can provide relates to applications not to referrals or to patient (a patient may have a number of application e.g. for a consultation, an inpatient treatment and/or more than one of each of these).

We do not record data on referral centres which would provide information to the question as posed, so we are unable to provide data in respect of patients referred from University Hospital Galway as requested.

The tables below provide the available information. No. of reimbursements processed for Orthopaedic healthcare:


Year	Total
2017	772
2018	2248
2019	2622
2020	3126
Q1 2021	469

Most common Countries to which patients availed of Orthopaedic healthcare

	2017	2018	2019	2020	Q1 2021 CBD
Belgium			7	21	
Czech Republic	8	28		21	
England	81	117	136	141	8
France	18	17	5		
Germany	20	51	34	59	
Hungary	18	11	5	10	
Italy	11	5	5	5	
Latvia	5	9	6	27	7
Lithuania	24	67	35	88	5
Netherlands			9		
Northern Ireland	1660	6091	7194	7699	1065
Norway				7	
Poland	141	193	295	555	43
Portugal			6	8	
Romania				15	
Slovakia				8	
Spain			20	66	59
Wales			28	5	

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.

Yours sincerely,


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