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Deputy Bernard Durkan

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PQ 52852/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of scoliosis procedures undertaken in Irish hospitals

PQ 52853/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of Irish hospitals that have facilitated scoliosis procedures over the past 12 months

Dear Deputy Durkan,

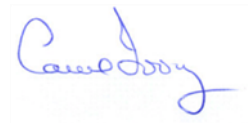
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The information which you are seeking is held on HIPE which is managed by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO). The HPO have provided the attached spreadsheet in relation to your PQ 52852/21. Please note table 1 in the attached, gives the total number of HIPE discharges for the years 2019 and 2020 with a principal diagnosis of scoliosis, that are classified into a surgical DRG. The definitions of principal diagnosis and DRG are included in the attached. A further split has been provided within this table to show the most common DRG for these cases. The year 2020 is currently the latest finalised year.

In relation to PQ 52853/21 the HPO has provided table 2 attached, giving the total number of HIPE discharges for the years 2019 and 2020, with a principal diagnosis of scoliosis that are classified into a surgical DRG, by hospital. The hospital split will allow you to see which hospitals have the largest numbers of the relevant cases. I am advised that HIPE data for 2021 is currently not complete or finalised, the latest finalised year of HIPE data is 2020, for this reason only discharges up to and including 2020 can be provided.

I trust that this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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