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Health Service Executive

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***PQ 55257/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitalisations per hospital recorded in October, November and to date in 2021 for children and older adults afflicted with respiratory syncytial virus infection in tabular form. -Sean Sherlock***

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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 have requested is held by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) who manage the HIPE system. I am advised by the HPO that they can only provide information on closed HIPE files. As the 2021 file is still open, they are not able to provide the information you request.

I understand that HIPE is not an operational database, it is not updated nationally on a real-time or daily basis and consequently is not considered final until it is closed in the following year.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

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