



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

Rannan na nOspideil Gheamhíochaine  
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Deputy Colm Burke

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

**PQ 55366/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who spent more than four consecutive days in hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form**

Dear Deputy Burke,

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 55366/21. Table 1 provides information on total paediatric discharges (0-17 years inclusive) from acute hospitals reported to HIPE with a length of stay of greater than four days, 2016-2020. I have been advised by the Health Pricing Office, that as the 2021 file is still open they are not able to provide the information for this request. I understand that HIPE is not an operational database, it is not updated nationally at the HPO on a real-time or daily basis and is also not considered final until it is closed in the following year.

I trust that this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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