



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine
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Deputy Alan Farrell
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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PQ 57116/21 * To ask the Minister for Health the number of incidents of needle spiking that have been treated in Irish hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Farrell,

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.

I have enquired with the HSE Healthcare Pricing Office, who collect data through the Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) system, which is the main national repository of inpatient and daycase information for acute public hospitals.

HIPE does not collect data from 'ED' only cases, non-acute care and out-patient clinics. HIPE collects data on patients who attended ED and were subsequently admitted to hospital.

HIPE have advised that they do not collect data on instances of spiking so are therefore unable to provide the information you have requested as it is not centrally available.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carol Ivory'.

Carol Ivory
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