



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



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PQ58947.21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of planned surgeries that have been cancelled in each hospital of the Saolta Hospital Group over each of the past six months as a result of bed capacity issues and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following tables outlines cancellations over the last 6 months.

Month	GUH	PUH	MUH	SUH	LUH	RUH
June	26	3	0	17	0	0
July	45	12	5	31	0	0
August	26	2	3	21	4	0
September	55	7	6	16	25	0
October	39	20	3	27	22	0
November	16	10	5	24	12	0
Total	207	54	22	136	63	0

Please note that these surgical cancellations are as a result of bed capacity issues due to Emergency Department pressures and Covid pressures. In addition, some procedure were not scheduled due to bed capacity pressures.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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