



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine
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PQ 49356/21 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital beds closed in each of the past five years by county; and the breakdown on the cited reasons for the closures.*

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 examined the matter and attach the document in response.

Please note that closed bed information that we have available is for the years 2020 and 2021, this data is not available by county. I wish to advise you that the information for each relevant month is correlated from data collected as at the first Sunday of each month rather than the first calendar day and the attached appendix reflects this

The Acute Hospital system has experienced a significant increase in the number of bed closures due to COVID-19 this year. These closures relate to management of infection outbreaks, necessary refurbishment to meet COVID requirements and increased staff absence due to COVID.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Fitzgerald
Deputy National Director
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Appendix 1

Monthly Number of HSE funded Inpatient Bed & Day Bed Closures per Reason

Month Beginning	Inpatients						Day Bed						Total Inpatient & Day Bed
	Cost Containment Current Year	Infection Control	Refurb / Maintenance	Seasonal Closures	Staffing Shortages	Total Inpatient	Cost Containment Current Year	Infection Control	Refurb / Maintenance	Seasonal Closures	Staffing Shortages	Total Day Bed	
05/01/2020	15	27	11	99	28	180	0	1	0	13	24	38	217
02/02/2020	7	26	9	0	24	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
01/03/2020	7	37	24	0	26	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
05/04/2020	8	177	13	0	82	280	0	9	0	0	0	9	289
03/05/2020	7	295	15	0	142	459	0	14	0	0	0	14	474
07/06/2020	7	168	63	0	118	356	0	15	0	0	2	17	373
05/07/2020	7	106	77	0	53	243	0	1	14	0	0	15	258
02/08/2020	7	108	32	0	51	198	0	7	0	0	3	11	208
06/09/2020	7	154	93	0	89	343	0	7	0	0	3	10	353
04/10/2020	7	132	145	0	74	358	0	10	0	0	3	13	371
01/11/2020	7	247	59	32	51	397	0	43	0	0	0	43	439
06/12/2020	7	267	35	0	101	410	0	76	0	0	3	80	490
03/01/2021	6	270	48	96	82	500	0	9	14	65	0	89	589
07/02/2021	5	387	50	0	75	518	0	41	0	0	0	41	559
07/03/2021	5	214	41	0	80	340	0	23	0	0	0	23	363
04/04/2021	5	186	71	0	90	353	0	23	0	0	7	30	383
02/05/2021	5	125	83	0	79	292	0	9	0	0	2	12	303
06/06/2021	5	91	62	0	48	206	0	10	0	0	0	10	216
04/07/2021	5	122	54	0	49	231	0	10	0	0	0	10	241
01/08/2021	5	167	78	20	87	357	0	11	0	0	0	11	368
05/09/2021	5	153	96	0	50	304	0	15	0	0	5	20	324
03/10/2021	5	160	98	0	48	311	0	10	0	0	8	18	329