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Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

PQ 19206/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgical mesh surgeries that have been performed in Ireland for reasons other than vaginal prolapse including but not limited to bowel surgery and hernia; the number of these surgeries that have resulted in complications from the mesh; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

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 wish to advise you that the information you are seeking is collected through HIPE. As you are aware, HIPE is a health information system, managed by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) of HSE Finance and is designed to collect clinical and administrative data on discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. HIPE discharges are clinically coded from charts in the hospitals, this includes translating medical terminology into alpha-numeric code and using the entire chart to extract the conditions and procedures to create an adequate picture of the patient's health care encounter.

I am advised by HPO that, as the 2021 file is still an open file, the most recent information available is 2020. Please see attached the number of discharges reported to HIPE in 2020 with a complication of mesh code provided by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO).

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory

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