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Deputy Eoin Ó Broin

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

**PQ 19603/22 - To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 832 of 5 April 2022, the number of hysterectomies that have been performed in the state since March 2020; the number that were performed in public hospitals; and the number that were performed in private hospitals.**

Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

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 hysterectomy code, by discharge month provided by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO). Please note that the 2020 data provided does not include any public activity performed in private hospitals under the 2020 private hospital agreements. I am advised the drop in figures from March-June is as a result of COVID-19.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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