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Deputy Collins
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PQ Ref 60449/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of incidences of coercive abortion which have been reported to sexual assault treatment units since 1 January 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Collins.

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 the following outlines the position.

The data requested is not included in the routinely collected SATU metrics. It is therefore not possible to prepare a report or make a statement on the matter. The SATU service publishes an annual report which reports on key service activities across the six SATU's, including information on:

- Attendance figures
- Episode/incident data - Time of Day incident occurred, Details of Incident, Alcohol and Drug Use
- Patient demographics - Gender, Age, Nationality, Referral Source.
- Performance data & KPI's – Incident reporting, timelines

The SATU annual reports are publicly available at:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/sexhealth/sexual-assault-treatment-units-resources-for-healthcare-professionals/>

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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