



3rd January 2023

Deputy Paul Murphy
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I write in response to **PQ 61901/22:**

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the figures for recorded pressure sores by community acquired pressure sores and hospital acquired pressure sores, between 2015 and 2020 at Tallaght University Hospital.

Please see enclosed the table representing pressure sores reported to Tallaght University Hospital's Risk Management Department for years 2015-2020:

Year	PU Reported
2015	1
2016	20
2017	34
2018	40
2019	43
2020	90

Please be advised that it is not possible to elucidate if they were 'community acquired pressure sores' as opposed to 'hospital acquired pressure sores'.

There has been a change in the reporting since 2016, this is a factor in the increase in numbers reported. Tallaght University Hospital is moving from a paper based system of reporting to an electronic system in Q1 2023 whereby our data will be more streamlined.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

MR JOHN KELLY
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE