



Oifig an Stiúirthóra Náisiúnta
Géaroibríochtaí

Aonad 4A, Áras Dargan, An Ceantar Theas,
An Bóthar Míleata, Cill Mhaighneann, Baile
Átha Cliath 8, D08 NN9V

Office of the National Director
Acute Operations

Unit 4a, the Dargan Building, Heuston
South Quarter, Military Road,
Kilmainham, Dublin 8, D08 NN9V

www.hse.ie
@hselive

t 01 795 9959
e acute.operations@hse.ie

28th February 2022

Deputy Mark Ward
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 8144/22 – * To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that presented to hospitals with poisoning from codeine in the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. (amended: code T40.2 Other opioids which includes codeine poisoning).

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

Please see attached excel spreadsheet containing the information you requested which is from HIPE and was provided by HPO. As advised to you previously, the code provided is not specific to codeine. As requested, please see listed the opioids included within code T40.2, these cannot be split out as they're all included within the one code (T40.2). The explanatory notes in the excel sheet and the list of diagnosis codes should also be noted in considering this data.

As the 2021 file is an open file and continually added to, the information requested cannot be provided for 2021. The file is due to close the end of March so data should be available in April 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory
General Manager
Acute Operation