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PQ 1972/22* *"To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for prior authorisation and reimbursement made under the cross border directive in each of the years 2018 to 2021, by medical procedure in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter."*

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

Thank you for your parliamentary question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

The following tables provide the available information requested for the Cross Border Directive for the years 2018 to 2021 for both prior authorisations issued and reimbursements approved for payment. I am providing the information by specialty as opposed to by medical procedure as the volume of data and the resources involved in examining the reimbursements and prior authorisations by individual treatment would be significant. We do not collate the information by treatment for this reason.

Reimbursements approved for payment by Speciality:

| Specialties | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| Cardiology | 29 | 52 | 50 | 33 |
| Colorectal | 0 | 9 | 22 | 0 |
| Dental / Oral & Maxillo-Facial | 70 | 58 | 49 | 29 |
| Dermatology | 0 | 64 | 56 | 20 |
| Endocrinology | 0 | 21 | 29 | 9 |
| ENT | 529 | 569 | 645 | 246 |
| Gastroenterology/Paediatric Gastroenterology | 46 | 39 | 82 | 162 |
| General Surgery | 125 | 146 | 283 | 149 |
| Genetics | | | | |
| Gynaecology/Obstetrics | 236 | 281 | 417 | 225 |
| Infectious Diseases | 0 | 11 | 54 | 82 |
| Neurology/Neuro rehabilitation | 257 | 390 | 316 | 168 |
| Ophthalmology | 2304 | 2674 | 2702 | 897 |
| Orthodontics | 366 | 419 | 342 | 167 |


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|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Orthopaedics | 2248 | 2622 | 3123 | 1755 |
| Other | 170 | 4 | 31 | 27 |
| Paediatrics | 0 | 6 | 20 | 5 |
| Pain Management | 0 | 46 | 33 | 3 |
| Plastic Surgery | 49 | 41 | 83 | 61 |
| Podiatric/Chiropody | 0 | 5 | 9 | 8 |
| Psychiatry | 0 | 8 | 20 | 8 |
| Radiology | 11 | 21 | 18 | 9 |
| Rehabilitation | 0 | 22 | 39 | 15 |
| Respiratory | | 6 | | 1 |
| Rheumatology | 10 | 10 | 12 | 12 |
| Urology | 166 | 136 | 169 | 71 |
| Vascular | 112 | 137 | 140 | 49 |
| Total | 6728 | 7797 | 8744 | 4211 |

Prior Authorisations Issued by Speciality:

| Specialties | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Cardiology | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Endocrinology | 0 | 11 | 7 | 3 |
| ENT | 234 | 175 | 81 | 22 |
| Gastroenterology/Paediatric Gastroenterology | 11 | 8 | 5 | 18 |
| General Surgery | 49 | 44 | 31 | 9 |
| Gynaecology | 100 | 91 | 41 | 14 |
| Neurology / Neuro rehab | 82 | 79 | 65 | 8 |
| Orthopaedics | 1117 | 1187 | 678 | 182 |
| Other | 66 | 10 | 4 | 1 |
| Plastic Surgery | 31 | 10 | 25 | 34 |
| Urology | 13 | 12 | 0 | 1 |
| Vascular Surgery | 3 | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| Total | 1713 | 1629 | 946 | 293 |

I hope the above is helpful. If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0872668759 or via catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,


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