



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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Deputy Peadar Toibin
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Dublin 2.

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PQ 63097/21* To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries carried out in each of the past five years by type of surgery and diagnosis as was presented in Parliamentary Question No. 672 of 11 May 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Toibin,

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.

Response

Please find attached HIPE data which has been provided by the Health Pricing Office (HPO) in order to respond to this PQ. HPO have advised It would not be possible to provide a meaningful breakdown by diagnosis and procedure as it would result in excessive suppression of figures in order to comply with data protection requirements as such data has been provided is at procedure level.

There are a number of elements associated with this information that the Deputy should be aware of and are outlined below

- Data for 2016-2019 and 2020 are presented in separate tables due to a change in the classification which may have resulted in any of the following: new procedure codes, old procedure codes rendered obsolete, new blocks, new block descriptions, procedures moved from one block to another.
- Table 1 presents information on total elective surgical discharges from acute hospitals 2016-2019, by principal procedure block.
- Table 2 presents information on total elective surgical discharges from acute hospitals, 2020, by principal procedure block.

- Cases are selected based on a principal procedure from a HPO list of surgical procedures and a specialty from a HPO list of surgical specialties.
- The total figures for 2019 and 2020 differ significantly from the figures of previous PQ 23629/21, due to the following:
- Current PQ 63097/21 is based on elective discharges only whereas PQ 23629/21 was based on all discharges.
- Current PQ 63097/21 is based on elective discharges with a principal procedure from a specified list of surgical procedures and a specialty from a specified list of surgical specialties. PQ 23629/21 was based solely on specialty from the specified list of surgical specialties (These may have contained cases with no principal procedure or possibly a principal procedure not from the surgical list).

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Trish King', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Trish King
General Manager
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