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Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 35299/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of diagnostic cardiac procedures carried out in 2021 and to date broken down by month and by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 I have consulted with colleagues in HIPE regarding the information you are seeking. 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. HIPE discharges are clinically coded from charts in the hospitals, this includes translating medical terminology into alpha-numeric code and using the entire chart to extract the conditions and procedures to create an adequate picture of the patient's health care encounter.

I am advised by the HPO HIPE team, that the query as framed in this PQ is too general to identify what codes to use, as they do not have a definitive list of procedures that would fall under diagnostic cardiac procedures.

If you could provide a specified list of procedures, they could then check for codes for the relevant procedures.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory

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