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Deputy Alan Kelly

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

PQ 36880/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the longest period that any inpatient has stayed in one admission in each acute hospital in the country over the past ten years in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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.

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 that the information you are requesting is held by HIPE but that this information cannot be provided as the extent of length of stay associated with a named hospital could potentially identify individual patients and may breach GDPR.

Yours sincerely,

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