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Deputy Roisin Shortall

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

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PQ 37163/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the volume of prophylactic surgery for breast cancer risk factors by hospital on a quarterly basis for each of the years 2010 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 37164/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the volume of prophylactic surgery for ovarian cancer risk factors by hospital on a quarterly basis for each of the years 2010 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

Please see attached the volume of prophylactic surgery for breast cancer risk factors by hospital and volume of prophylactic surgery for ovarian cancer risk factors by hospital provided by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO). I am advised that there's no quarterly or hospital level information in the tables as that would lead to too much suppression.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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