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**Deputy David Cullinane
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Leinster House
Dublin 2**

PQ 38017/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting more than 120 hours in an emergency department in 2021 and to the end of May 2022 in tabular form broken down by month, by hospital and by those under 65 and over 65 years of age; 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.

In order to support HSE consistent monitoring across all sites, it is important that Patient Experience Time (PET) reports and aligns with HSE key performance indicators/targets. These targets are within time and age bands respectively. This information is published by BIU/HSE and used to manage and drive performance improvement.

For you information the PET targets are monitored and reported in context of time bands and age bands as follows:

Time Bands

- 6 Hours
- 9 Hours
- 24 Hours
- Greater than 24 Hours

Age Bands

- Those aged 75 years and over
- All attendances irrespective of age

There are currently no plans to extend these time and age bands.

The time & age bands requested do not align with any HSE targets; however, I have attached for your perusal the number of patients waiting more than 24 hours (Please note that all patients waiting greater than 24 hours are included within this time band and could include patients waiting for longer time periods) in an emergency department in 2021 and to the end of May 2022 for Patients under & over 75 Years



I trust this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Ruddin', written over a thin horizontal line.

Eileen Ruddin
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