



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
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PQ39383/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of planned surgeries that have been cancelled in each hospital of the Saolta Hospital Group over each of the past six months as a result of bed capacity issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following tables outlines cancellations over the last 6 months.

Month	GUH	PUH	MUH	SUH	LUH	RUH
Jan	26	60	13	3	0	0
Feb	15	63	14	3	5	0
March	32	38	20	21	7	0
April	17	0	15	2	0	0
May	10	0	5	21	0	0
June	7	7	4	10	14	0
Total	107	168	45	60	26	0

Please note that these surgical cancellations are as a result of bed capacity issues due to Emergency Department pressures and Covid pressures. In addition, some procedures were not scheduled due to bed capacity pressures.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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