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Deputy David Cullinane

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

**PQ 41718/22 - To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 580 of 5 July 2022, the number of percutaneous coronary intervention procedures carried out in 2021 and to date in 2022 by hospital (not only by hospital group) 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 the information you are seeking is collected through HIPE. 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. It is important to note that HIPE is not an operational database, it is not updated nationally at the HPO on a real-time or daily basis and is also not considered final until it is closed in the following year.

I am advised that the data for 2022 is not fully coded to date, therefore HIPE does not have a full picture of the diagnoses or procedures carried out in 2022 to date. As a result the information requested cannot be provided for 2022.

Please see attached the number of discharges from acute hospitals reported to HIPE in 2021 with a percutaneous coronary intervention procedure code, by hospital.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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