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Deputy David Cullinane
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PQ 31674/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of healthcare-associated infection incidents identified, reported, managed and investigated from 2019 to date broken down by month, by year, by hospital, by hospital group and by infection type in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

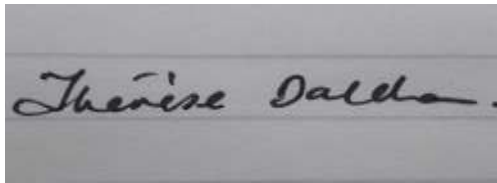
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The details of all healthcare associated infection / healthcare acquired cases/ rates reported were provided in responses to in PQ's 31676, 31677, 31680, 31681, 31703, 31704, 31705, 31706 and 31707 dated 22nd of June 2022. Healthcare **associated** infections may not require detailed individual review as may not be linked to current admission in the hospital which detects the infection e.g. with some cases of *C Difficile* and *CPE*.

For most of the cases reported in previous responses, clinicians at hospital level examine the relevant circumstances, including whether there is a local outbreak and conduct a review at hospital level as indicated. Learning and findings from reviews are discussed with the patient or their responsible person and used to inform local improvement initiatives. Data on ongoing management and investigation of all cases of healthcare associated infections is not recorded at a national level. Incidents which are considered **hospital acquired** and associated with the current admission are frequently recorded on the National Incident Management system, information relating to statutory hospitals in this regard would be available on request.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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Therese Dalchan

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