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Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 31675/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of reviews of healthcare-associated infection incidents published since 2016, broken down by month and review type; 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.

Cases of healthcare associated or healthcare acquired infection which are reported by hospitals are considered locally by the hospital infection and control team and relevant clinicians involved in the patients care. A review which identifies associated factors and findings is conducted at hospital level, as appropriate, based on the circumstances of the case. The HSE do not routinely publish such reviews in order to respect patient confidentiality. Learning and findings from reviews are discussed with the patient or their responsible person and used to inform local improvement initiatives.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Therese Dalchan".

Therese Dalchan
General Manager

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