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PQ 11192/22* To ask the Minister for Health the total patient throughput across HSE acute services for outpatient, diagnostics, and inpatient appointments in each of the years 2018 to 2021, in tabular form.

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.

Response

In response to your request, the total patient throughput across HSE acute services for outpatient, diagnostics, and inpatient appointments in each of the years 2018 to 2021.

Inpatient Discharges

 Data up to 2020 has been provided, data for 2021 has not been provided as this is not yet finalised

| | Inpatient discharges | |
|------|----------------------|--------|
| 2018 | | 46,249 |
| 2019 | | 44,608 |
| 2020 | | 33,344 |

In the context of the information above, provided by HPO, the number of elective in-patient discharges reported to HIPE, for acute hospitals, with a surgical speciality and surgical principal procedure.

A procedure is defined as a clinical that is surgical in nature and/or carries a procedural risk and/or carries an anaesthetic risk and/or requires specialised training

and/or requires special facilities or equipment only available in an acute care setting. The principal procedure is the procedure performed for treatment of the principal diagnosis or a diagnostic/exploratory procedure related to the principal diagnosis.

Out patients attendances

The table below shows both new and return scheduled outpatient appointments

| | Total New & Return OPD attendances | | |
|------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 2018 | 3,335,855 | | |
| 2019 | 3,354,919 | | |
| 2020 | 3,005,518 | | |
| 2021 | 3,250,704 | | |

Is there context for the information above, please note that this data provided by BIU is preliminary and may be subject to change.

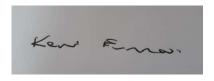
Diagnostics attendances

HSE does not hold data centrally for diagnostic services

There are a number of factors that would lead to variances in this information from one year to the next, particularly in the context of the last 24 months in light of the COVID pandemic and the Cyber attack on the HSE but there was also be factors such as industrial action on sites or nationally, impacts of disruptions due to weather, services moving from one site to another etc. that would impact this information.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,



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