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RE: PQ 12628/22

***To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes aged 18 years and over who were admitted through the emergency or medical assessment units of any South-Southwest hospital group hospital due to diabetic ketoacidosis; the number of those admissions that were persons diagnosed prior to admission with diabetes in each of the years 2017 to 2021, in tabular form. -Sean Sherlock**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Please see Table 1 below for the breakdown by hospital of the number of persons with diabetes aged 18 years and over who were admitted through the emergency or medical assessment units of any South/ South West Hospital Group hospital due to diabetic ketoacidosis.

The information in relation to the number of admissions that were persons diagnosed prior to admission with diabetes is not readily available in the format requested as our data does not differentiate newly diagnosed diabetes. To obtain this information would require a manual search of patient records which would take considerable time and due the current service pressures being experienced by acute services as a result of staff absences and the very high number of patient presentations to acute hospitals due to the current surge of Covid in the community, unfortunately, this is not possible at this time.

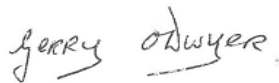
Table 1

Hospital	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cork University Hospital	87	90	119	123	108
Cork University Maternity Hospital	0	0	0	0	0
Mallow General Hospital	7	3	6	4	4
Bantry General Hospital	13	7	11	10	4
University Hospital Waterford	29	28	33	23	50
University Hospital Kerry	30	24	27	27	22

Hospital	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Tipperary University Hospital	20	32	44	34	46
Mercy University Hospital	14	10	18	18	21
Total	200	194	258	239	255

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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