



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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PQ PQ 12815/22 * To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of surgical theatres in public hospitals by hospital group and hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

PQ PQ 12816/22 * To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the amount of theatre time available in public hospitals by hospital group and hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

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:

The HSE does not have validated data on all aspects of your enquiry however available relevant information relating to theatre numbers and closures is provided and the definitions used in capturing theatre utilisation data. Please note that all attached information is issued as un-validated, as auditing resources are not available at this time. However, a body of work is commencing with the BIU, Acute Operations in Collaboration with the Surgical clinical programme to address collection of theatre information.

As you will appreciate, operating theatres fluctuate in response to changing demand and factors such as refurbishment, infection control measures, staffing shortages and the impact of COVID also have an impact on theatre availability; however, data supplied overleaf refers to the week ending the 13th March 2022. This data is compiled on a **test basis only**, full validation/ audit has not been carried out. We do not have data for theatre time available but have shown instead shown 'theatre room in use' in the appendix.

Hospital	Number of theatre rooms			Number of theatre rooms in use		
	OT	MO	ES	OT	MO	ES
National Total	211	17	35	211	17	35
Children's Health Ireland	13	0	0	13	0	0
CHI Crumlin	9	0	0	9	0	0
CHI Tallaght						
CHI Temple St	4	0	0	4	0	0
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	20	3	3	20	3	3
MRH Portlaoise	3	1	1	3	1	1
MRH Tullamore	4	1	1	4	1	1
Naas General Hospital	2	1	1	2	1	1
St James's Hospital						
Tallaght University Hospital	11	0	0	11	0	0
Ireland East Hospital Group	52	6	11	52	6	11
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	15	0	0	15	0	0
MRH Mullingar	3	2	2	3	2	2
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	5	1	0	5	1	0
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	3	0	1	3	0	1
Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital	6	1	0	6	1	0
St. Columcille's Hospital	2	0	0	2	0	0
St Lukes Kilkenny	3	1	1	3	1	1
St Michael's Hospital	2	1	1	2	1	1
St Vincents University Hospital	10	0	4	10	0	4
Wexford General Hospital	3	0	2	3	0	2
RCSI Hospitals Group	29	1	4	29	1	4
Beaumont Hospital	17	0	4	17	0	4
Cavan General Hospital	3	0	0	3	0	0
Connolly Hospital						
Louth County Hospital	2	0	0	2	0	0
Monaghan Hospital	1	1	0	1	1	0
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	6	0	0	6	0	0
Saolta University Hospital Group	34	3	2	34	3	2
Galway University Hospitals	17	0	0	17	0	0
Letterkenny University Hospital	5	2	0	5	2	0
Mayo University Hospital	4	0	0	4	0	0
Portiuncula University Hospital						
Roscommon University Hospital						
Sligo University Hospital	8	1	2	8	1	2
South/ South West Hospital Group	41	4	9	41	4	9
Bantry General Hospital						
Cork University Hospital	18	2	2	18	2	2
Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital	2	0	0	2	0	0
Mallow General Hospital	1	0	1	1	0	1
Mercy University Hospital	4	0	3	4	0	3
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital						
Tipperary University Hospital	3	1	1	3	1	1
UH Kerry	5	0	0	5	0	0
UH Waterford	8	1	2	8	1	2
University of Limerick Hospital Group	22	0	6	22	0	6
Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	4	0	0	4	0	0
Ennis Hospital	2	0	2	2	0	2
Nenagh Hospital	2	0	2	2	0	2
St John's Hospital	4	0	0	4	0	0
UH Limerick	10	0	2	10	0	2

Please note hospitals in red have not yet submitted a return

Working Definitions used (agreed with National Clinical Programme for Surgery)

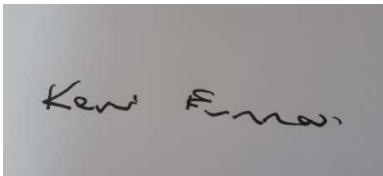
An operating theatre (OT) is a self-contained, aseptic room in which sterile and other surgical procedures can be carried out under general or regional anesthesia; is normally equipped with an operating table, an anesthetic machine and adjustable illumination and whose size varies depending on the complexity of procedures and the equipment they require, varying from relatively small, such as for day surgery, to larger for complex procedures such as transplantation or open heart surgery.

A minor operations room (minor ops) (MO) is a self-contained, clean room in which low complexity sterile, and other surgical procedures can be carried out under local or regional anesthesia and is normally equipped with an operating table and adjustable illumination.

An endoscopy procedure room (ES) is a dedicated room where medical endoscopy is performed on patients on trolleys, commonly under sedation, with cameras used to visualize structures within the body such as the digestive, respiratory or genitourinary tracts.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to read "Kevin Finnan".

**Kevin Finnan
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