

Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine Aonad <u>4A</u> – Áras Dargan An Ceantar Theas An Bothar Mileata Cill Mhaighneann BÁC 8

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Deputy David Cullinane Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2.

PQ 12831/22 To ask the Minister for Health the total population each level 4 hospital serves broken down by hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. –

Dear Deputy Cullinane

I refer to the Parliamentary Question referenced above and apologise for the delay in responding to you.

While it is recognised that Hospitals have, over time, developed referral pathways for general services, the majority of Model 4 Hospitals provide some form of tertiary and/or quaternary services which service local, regional and national needs.

The Department of Health have also previously confirmed to the HSE that there is no statutory basis for catchment areas

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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