



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

21st March 2022

Deputy David Cullinane,
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Leinster House
Dublin 2.

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PQ 12832/22* To ask the Minister for Health the total number of inpatient and outpatient appointments and procedures carried out in each level 4 hospital in each of the years 2010 to 2021 and to date in 2022 and by hospital; 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.

Response

In order to respond to your query we have sought this information from HPO and BIU, which you will find attached. BIU are responsible for Outpatient data collection since 2014. The Health Pricing Office (HPO) is responsible for managing and reporting data from the Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) scheme. HIPE is a health information system designed to collect medical and administrative data regarding discharges from acute public hospitals in Ireland. All acute public hospitals participate in HIPE. ED and out-patient attendances are not recorded on HIPE. Each HIPE discharge record represents one episode of care.

Notes on Outpatient Data

The table attached includes data collected by the Outpatient Data Quality Programme during this time period. Tallaght University Hospital includes Tallaght Paediatrics 2011 – 2013. Mater Misericordiae University Hospital data outstanding for Jan- 2012. Virtual clinic activity commenced from March 2020 and is included within the report from that point onwards 2022 data is based on Jan- 2022.

Notes on HIPE Data

Each HIPE discharge record represents one episode of care. Patients may be admitted to hospital more than once in any given time period with the same or different diagnoses.

Consequently, it is not possible to use HIPE data to examine certain parameters such as the number of hospital encounters per patient, or to estimate proxies for incidence or prevalence of disease.

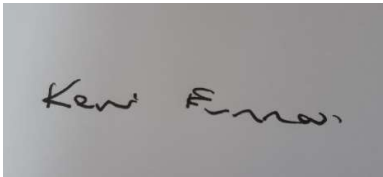
a: The data does not include uncoded cases. Uncoded rates may vary between hospitals and between years within individual hospitals

b: Please note that the 2020 data provided does not include any public activity performed in private hospitals under the 2020 private hospital agreements.

C: Tallaght, children's data is included in the figures.

I trust that this response is satisfactory.

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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