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Deputy Jim O'Callaghan

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

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**PQ 16395/22 - The number of Irish patients suffering from sleep apnoea, by HSE CHO area in tabular form**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The HSE's Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) system is a health information system designed to collect medical and administrative data regarding discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. All acute public hospitals participate in HIPE.

With regard to your particular request, I am advised that HIPE can only provide the number of episodes and not the number of patients. Therefore, please see attached table of the number of discharges reported to the Health Information System (HIPE) with a sleep apnoea diagnosis code, 2015-2020. I wish to advise you that the 2021 file is an open file and continually added, the information requested cannot be provided for 2021 as of yet.

I trust this is of assistance to you but unfortunately, the information as you requested it is not available..  
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Yours sincerely,

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**Carol Ivory**

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