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Re: PQ 17072/22 – Debt collectors, St Luke’s Hospital

**“To ask the Minister for Health the amount recovered through the use of debt collectors and or debt collection agencies in respect of the collection of fees and charges on patients attending hospital groups managed by St. Luke’s Hospital, Kilkenny in each of the years 2017 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

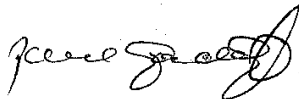
I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the amount recovered through the use of debt collectors in St Luke’s Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined, please see the table below regarding St Luke’s Hospital Kilkenny:

St. Luke’s Hospital Kilkenny	Debt Collection Results per annum
2017	€108,128
2018	€101,248
2019	€118,176
2020	€ 88,461
2021	€ 63,546

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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