

5th April 2022

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Re: PQ 17088/22 – Debt collectors, SVUH

“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. Vincents’ Hospital in each of the years 2017 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

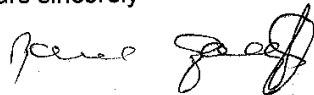
I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking the amount recovered through the use of debt collectors in St Vincent’s University Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the table below is the response for St Vincent’s University Hospital. It should be noted that in 2018 St Vincent’s University Hospital completed a tender through the Office of Government Procurement which took a number of months. After the competition, the contract was awarded to OSM/Debitask but this was at the end of 2018.

Collections	
2017	35,020.00
2018	-
2019	224,041.44
2020	927,456.53
2021	557,754.09
Total	1,744,272.06

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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