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Deputy Roisin Shortall

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

**PQ 25310/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of vasectomies and tubal ligations that were performed in St. Vincent University public hospital relative to its catchment area; the way that this compares to other similar sized hospitals, for example St. James's Hospital and Beaumont Hospital in each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

I wish to advise you that the information you are seeking is collected through HIPE. As you are aware, HIPE is a health information system, managed by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) of HSE Finance and is designed to collect clinical and administrative data on discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. HIPE discharges are clinically coded from charts in the hospitals, this includes translating medical terminology into alpha-numeric code and using the entire chart to extract the conditions and procedures to create an adequate picture of the patient's health care encounter.

I am advised by HPO that, as the 2021 file is still an open file, the information requested cannot be provided for 2021.

However, please see attached the number of discharges reported to HIPE with a vasectomy or tubal ligation code, nationally and in the selected hospitals, 2019 and 2020.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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**Carol Ivory**



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