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Deputy Thomas Pringle  
Dáil Éireann  
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**PQ 54261/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of laparoscopic gastric bypass surgeries performed in University Hospital Galway, St. Vincent's University Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital Dún Laoghaire and Letterkenny University Hospital in each of the years 2017 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Thomas Pringle**

Dear Deputy Pringle,

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.

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

HPO have advised that they can provide the following information:

Table 1: Number of discharges with a principal procedure of laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery performed in University Hospital Galway, St. Vincent's University Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital Dún Laoghaire and Letterkenny University Hospital in each of the years 2017 to 2021.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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