



Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine
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Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 57790/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type by hospital group and hospital in October 2022 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 57791/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by speciality and appointment type by hospital group and hospital in October 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 57792/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type by hospital group and hospital in October 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ 57793/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by speciality and appointment type, in October 2019, by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

Response:

In relation to PQ'S 57792/22 and 57793/22, collection of cancellations data began in February 2022 so we are unable to provide data or information for these two PQ's.

In relation to PQ'S 57790/22 and 57791/22, please find in appendix 1, data in relation to the Parliamentary Questions related to cancellations.

Definition of a hospital initiated inpatient/day case cancellation

A hospital initiated cancellation of an inpatient/day case procedure is defined as the rescheduling of a patient To Come In (TCI) date by the hospital due to circumstances beyond its control.

Reasons for cancellation of scheduled care appointments

Hospitals may have to cancel scheduled care appointments due to factors outside their control including the following;

- I. Increased ED attendances and admissions resulting in a requirement for surge inpatient bed capacity
- II. Unforeseen circumstances e.g. Weather events, infection outbreaks or industrial action.

Rescheduling hospital appointments

Hospitals endeavour to provide the patient with as much notice as possible in relation to the cancellation of elective appointments. The National Inpatient, Day Case, Planned Procedure (IDPP) waiting list management protocol 2017 issued by the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) requires hospitals to reschedule elective care appointments within six weeks of cancellation, subject to patient confirmation regarding their availability to attend. Clinical guidance must be sought when managing and rescheduling patients cancelled by the hospital. This is necessary to ensure that urgent and vulnerable patients are rescheduled appropriately. Patients cancelled by the hospital will not have their waiting list date reset.

Notes

There are additional notes in the attachment with regards to hospitals exclusions from the report, but also note the below:

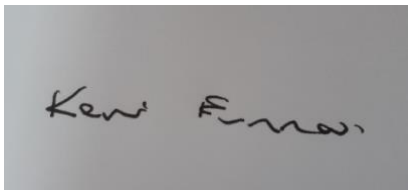
- We cannot provide cancellations data by appointment type or speciality, we can only provide this by service area which is broken out as follows (New / Return OPD, Elective Inpatient, Chemo, Dialysis, GI Scope and All Other Day Cases). Therefore both PQ 57790/20 & PQ 57791/22 are answered in the attached.
- Tallaght University Hospital have sent data on a weekly basis to us but this has been excluded due to an outstanding validation process which is currently taking place. BIU continues to engage and work with the hospital and relevant staff in this regard.

- National Maternity Hospital have not provided cancellations data to date, however they are currently in the process of setting up a data feed to provide us with cancellations data. BIU continues to engage and work with the hospital and relevant staff in this regard.
- St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Data is also excluded while a review of their data is undertaken. BIU continues to engage and work with the hospital and relevant staff in this regard.

Note that hospitals highlighted in red denote a partial return of data, this is where a hospital has not returned data for all services areas where we expect data to be returned.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to read "Kevin Finnan".

Kevin Finnan
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Appendix 1

Please note data contained in this report is preliminary and may be subject to change							
If information contained within this file is used in other reports then as a minimum requirement BIU must be referenced.							
Information Request Number: 5552							
PQ Number: 57790/22							
Date report created: 23/11/2022							
Data Source: BIU Acute - Hospital Weekly Cancellations of Planned Activity							
Subject: Weekly Hospital Cancellations of Planned Activity October 2022							
Note: St. Lukes Radiation Oncology Data has been excluded as BIU are currently undertaken a review of the data with the hospital							
Note: Tallaght University Hospital data is excluded from this report while they review and validate their data. This process is ongoing and BIU continues to							
Note: National maternity Hospital have not returned any cancellations data to date. BIU is currently working with NMH on this.							
Oct-22							
	All Other Day cases	Chemotherapy (Day case)	Dialysis (Day case)	Elective Inpatient Admission	GI Scope (Day case)	New Outpatient Appointments	Return Outpatient Appointments
Children's Health Ireland	270	73	0	408	15	792	2844
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	269	0	0	74	38	435	1243
Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital	22					43	63
MRH Portlaoise	5	0	0	5	1	13	48
MRH Tullamore	18	0	0	13	6	18	155
Naas General Hospital	0	0	0	7	6	72	212
St. James's Hospital	224	0	0	49	25	289	765
Ireland East Hospital Group	193	4	0	249	65	525	2059
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	34			143	12	346	1191
MRH Mullingar	95			0	8	0	228
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	3			28		7	50
National Rehabilitation Hospital	0			0		15	37
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	0			0	0	0	0
Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital							
St. Columcille's Hospital	17			0	0	1	0
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	20	0		25		0	0
St. Michael's Hospital				49	42	9	12
St. Vincent's University Hospital	17	0	0	2	0	147	541
Wexford General Hospital	7	4		2	3	0	0
RCSI Hospitals Group	91	0	0	156	100	477	763
Beaumont Hospital	76			149	100	245	405
Cavan General Hospital	0			0	0	36	40
Connolly Hospital	9					5	11
Louth County Hospital						6	
Monaghan Hospital	0			0	0	16	32
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital				7		15	18
Rotunda Hospital	6			0		154	257
Saolta University Health Care Group	451	0	0	166	170	386	679
Galway University Hospitals	224			59	83	223	347
Letterkenny University Hospital				31			
Mayo University Hospital	46			21	35	3	4
Portiuncula University Hospital	22			13	19	18	65
Roscommon University Hospital	95			0	33	74	146
Sligo University Hospital	64	0	0	42	0	68	117
South / South West Hospital Group	265	32	28	144	118	917	3132
Bantry General Hospital	1			0	10	0	24
Cork University Hospital	75	4	28	70	19	436	1847
Cork University Maternity Hospital				1		0	0
Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital	0			2		2	1
Mallow General Hospital	16			0	34	95	234
Mercy University Hospital	44	2		12	11	103	186
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	88	6		15		9	175
Tipperary University Hospital	16	19		22	39	65	474
UH Kerry	0	1	0	4	2	0	0
UH Waterford	25			18	3	207	191
UL Hospitals Group	36	0	0	23	0	256	1087
Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	2			15		7	65
Ennis Hospital	0	0		0	0	9	17
Nenagh Hospital	0	0		0	0	19	143
St. John's Hospital Limerick	0			0	0	27	39
UH Limerick	34	0	0	8	0	158	610
UMH Limerick	0			0		36	213
National Total:	1575	109	28	1220	506	3788	11807
Red denotes Partial Return where hospital has not returned some data							