



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

28th October 2022

Deputy David Cullinane,  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
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***PQ 51407/22 \* To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the amount of theatre time available in public hospitals by hospital group and hospital in tabular form. David Cullinane***

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:**

The HSE does not have validated data on all aspects of your enquiry however we replied to a similar PQ 1285/1286 earlier in the year and provided some test information. This information was collected on a test basis only and we currently have no updated data.

As you will appreciate, operating theatres fluctuate in response to changing demand and factors such as refurbishment, infection control measures, staffing shortages and the impact of COVID also have an impact on theatre availability. There is currently no plan to address the collection of Theatre information on a national basis.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

**Kevin Finnan  
General Manager  
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