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Our Ref: PQ 42135/22

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Deputy Johnny Guirke Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Guirke

I refer to your recent PQ which has been forwarded to me for attention.

To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatients or inpatient day cases attending hospitals managed by Children's Health Ireland with unpaid fees and charges for inpatient and day services whose debt was referred to a debt collection agency in each of the years 2015 to 2021, in tabular form.

Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) have reviewed your PQ and the information you require prior to 2018 is not attainable from CHI's administration system.

I have set out here-under the information that CHI can provide. Please note that the debt collection remittances do not differentiate between Inpatient and Day Cases.

	Number Of Inpatient/Day Cases who's debt was transferred to collection agency
2018	3,925
2019	4,367
2020	2,959
2021	1,139

Yours sincerely

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