



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



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Johnny Guirke T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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22nd September 2022

PQ42142/22: To ask the Minister for Health the amount recovered through the use of debt collectors and or debt collection agencies in respect of the collection of fees and charges for inpatient and day services on patients attending hospitals managed by Saolta University Health Care Group in each of the years 2015 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Guirke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the below table outlines the position.

Site	2015 €	2016 €	2017 €	2018 €	2019 €	2020 €	2021 €
GUH	Not available	Not available	139,906.87	37,161.48	63,391.42	40,032.58	780
MUH	57,293	20,132	74,184	43,921	94,262	70	0
PUH	37,862.47	71,634.14	55,523.34	50,224.04	55,223.15	26,434.66	430
SUH	Not available	Not available	1,855	11,608	54,759	5,750	0
LUH*	16,190	42,516	30,309	67,373	65,649	18,919	1,915
RUH	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	8275.50	2035	0

* LUH figures for 2015-2020 also include amounts recovered in respect of ED charges.

The reduction in amounts recovered in 2020 and 2021 can be attributed to the low levels of non-Covid activity.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Cosgrove', written over a horizontal line.

**Ann Cosgrove,
Chief Operations Officer,
Saoita University Health Care Group**