



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



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PQ42143.22 To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE in contracting debt collection agencies to pursue unpaid fees and charges from inpatient and day services from those 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	27,933.35	6,797.06	13,715.30	6,251.95	119.93
MUH*	13,115	16,777	19,483	17,352	19,149	20,861	805
PUH*	16,641	25,208	19,896	18,097	23,667	5447	0
SUH	Not available	Not available	319	1,999	9,430	990	678
LUH	8,399	10,739	8,552	17,857	10,899	4,682	54
RUH	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	2035.77	500.61	0

* MUH & PUH figures reflect total cost of contracting debt collection agencies for in-patient/day cases/ED charges

The majority of the sites had a reduction in spend in 2020 and 2021 due 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,
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