



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
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PQ42144/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatients or inpatient day cases attending hospitals managed by Saolta University Health Care Group 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.

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.

The below table outlines the number of in-patients and day cases with unpaid fees whose debt was referred to a debt collection agency in each of the years 2015 to 2021:

Site	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
GUH	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
MUH	758	292	1057	401	1085	2	0
PUH	Not available	Not available	425	615	441	Not available	973
SUH	Not available	Not available	50	189	866	94	0
LUH	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	693	65	119
RUH	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	884	155	0

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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