

27th September 2022

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Re: PQ 42305/22 – Debt Collectors

“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/day services on patients attending hospitals managed by Ireland East Hospital Group in each of the years 2017 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Pringle,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the amount recovered through the use of debt collectors by Hospitals in the Ireland East Hospital Group, which has been referred to the Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the requested information is below:

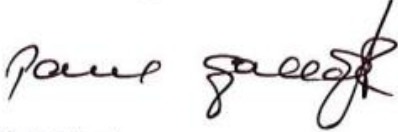
National Rehabilitation Hospital	Nil		
Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital	Nil		
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Year	€	
	2017	402,160	
	2018	416,541	
	2019	232,180	
	2020	204,459	
	2021	163,087	
	National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh	In 2017, there was €13,176 recovered in relation to inpatient and day case patients (these amounts relate to invoices generated in 2016). There were no amounts recovered in 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021 as the use of debt collection agencies ceased in 2017.	



Our Lady's Hospital Navan	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	Totals	15658.22	26933.82	20068.66	1509.00
National Maternity Hospital	2017	€27,649			
	2018	€42,800			
	2019	€22,249			
	2020	€19,326.90			
	2021	€22,136			
St Vincent's University Hospital	2019	€367,518			
	2020	€997,611			
	2021	€633,105			
St Columcille's Hospital	2017	€17,065			
	2018	€18,915			
	2019	€15,765			
	2020	€19,975			
	2021	€14,199			
St Luke's General Hospital	2017	€108,128			
	2018	€101,248			
	2019	€118,176			
	2020	€88,461			
	2021	€63,546			
Wexford General Hospital	2017	€41,983			
	2018	€50,733			
	2019	€55,915			
	2020	€42,899			
	2021	€16,910			
Regional Hospital Mullingar	Year	Inpatient/day cases			
	2017	€60,964.00			
	2018	€102,538.00			
	2019	€80,417.00			
	2020	€78,227.00			
	2021	€57,821.50			
St Michael's Hospital	2017	€31,214			
	2018	€18,362			
	2019	€14,944			
	2020	€7,772			
	2021	N/A			

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



Paul Gallagher
Chief Director of Nursing and Midwifery