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Re: PQ 42306/22 – Debt Collectors

**“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/day services from those 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 spent on debt collectors by Hospitals managed by 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:

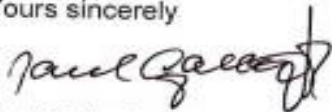
National Rehabilitation Hospital	Nil		
Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital	Nil		
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Year	€	
	2017	198,329	
	2018	255,088	
	2019	134,716	
	2020	114,525	
	2021	93,408	
	National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh	In 2017, €3,450 excluding VAT was spent in contracting debt recovery services.	



Our Lady's Hospital Navan	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Totals									
		4158.18	7648.76		5584.80		315.14		1239.85	
National Maternity Hospital	2017	€5,091.60								
	2018	€8,511.77								
	2019	€8,085.49								
	2020	€1,797.19								
	2021	€8,051.94								
St Vincent's University Hospital	2019	€73,123								
	2020	€254,864								
	2021	€144,050								
St Columcille's Hospital	Year	Amount								
	2017	€8,856								
	2018	€6,928								
	2019	€4,687								
	2020	€6,259								
St Luke's General Hospital	2017	€22,560								
	2018	€16,387								
	2019	€20,101								
	2020	€13,889								
	2021	€11,906								
Wexford General Hospital	2017	€7,739								
	2018	€9,197								
	2019	€10,678								
	2020	€8,606								
	2021	€3,445								
Regional Hospital Mullingar	Year	Inpatient/day cases								
	2017	€17,585.91								
	2018	€32,035.96								
	2019	€29,133.49								
	2020	€25,251.15								
	2021	€20,263.65								
St Michael's Hospital	2017	€10,475								
	2018	€6,150								
	2019	€3,075								
	2020	€6,150								
	2021	N/A								

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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