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Re: PQ 42307/22 – Inpatient day cases

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatients or inpatient day cases attending hospitals managed by Ireland East Hospital Group with unpaid fees and charges for inpatient/day services whose debt was referred to a debt collection agency 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 number of inpatients or inpatient day cases attending 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		Number of Accounts referred	Amount referred	Amount collected	Amount outstanding
	2017	3552	€642,480.00	€266,680.00	€375,800.00
	2018	4072	€733,618.00	€340,849.00	€392,769.00
	2019	4261	€728,710.01	€310,064.30	€418,645.71
	2020	3399	€612,880.00	€257,709.94	€355,170.06
	2021	4661	€784,885.00	€315,877.20	€469,007.80

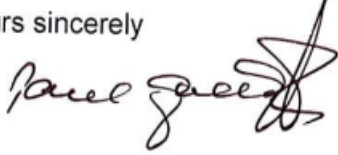


National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh	In 2017, there were 292 inpatients referred to debt collection with unpaid fees and charges of €37,800. There were also 53 day case/MRI patients referred with unpaid fees of €18,210. For both categories, the amounts referred in 2017 relate to invoices generated in 2016.					
	There were no amounts referred in 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021.					
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	*2019 - 426 accounts with a value of 79846 2020 - 273 accounts with a value of 71351 2021 - 232 accounts with a value of 34200					
	*Only figures available					
National Maternity Hospital	2017	178				
	2018	128				
	2019	123				
	2020	70				
	2021	65				
St Vincent's University Hospital	2019	3,767				
	2020	5,276				
	2021	2,196				
St Columcille's Hospital	Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	Amounts	€43,870	€48,110	€45,935	€44,630	€32,050
	Numbers of inpatient/day service referrals	273	298	293	278	205
St Luke's General Hospital	2017			1743		
	2018			2057		
	2019			2150		
	2020			1692		
	2021			1554		
Wexford General Hospital	2017			700		
	2018			842		
	2019			958		
	2020			719		
	2021			351		
Regional Hospital Mullingar	Year	Inpatient/Day services only				
	2017	1072				
	2018	1243				
	2019	1100				
	2020	952				
	2021	730				
St Michael's Hospital	2017	472				
	2018	307				
	2019	342				
	2020	241				
	2021	N/A				



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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