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**Re: PQ 44411/22**

Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of incidents reported on an annual basis broken down by heading on the National Incident Management System in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The information contained within this report has been extracted from the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as per the below criteria. NIMS is a live system with incidents constantly being added. It was unclear from the request as to what header was meant. The system is complex in terms of data extraction with various nuances.

#### Criteria used

- Date of incident 1/01/19 to 21/09/22 across all consenting healthcare locations
- Broken down by header (year of occurrence)
- This report is correct as of 22/09/2021

#### Response

Year of occurrence	2019	2020	2021	2022**
No of Incidents	178619	185029	194272	144459

\*\*1/01/22 to 21/09/22

The HSE does not have access to S39 data which is therefore not included.

#### National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Incidents (which include claims) are reported using the “National Incident Management System”. This is hosted by the State Claims Agency (SCA) and used by the HSE as endorsed by the Department of Health as the incident reporting system for healthcare.

An incident can be a harmful incident (Adverse Event), no harm incident or near-miss event. It can relate to staff, patients or visitors and can be a clinical or non-clinical clinical



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incident. It is recognised that high incident reporting, in particular of low-harm incidents and near-miss events are a good indication of a positive patient safety culture.

**Date of incident**

The date the incident was created on NIMS

If you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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