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PQ46442/22\* *"To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who availed of the Cross-Border Directive in tabular form; and the procedures which they required."*

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

Thank you for your parliamentary question above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

I am providing the information by number of reimbursements as opposed to patient numbers. We do not collate information by patient we collate it by application. A patient could submit more than one application for reimbursement if he/she had attended a hospital abroad on more than one occasion or for more than one course of treatment.

The tables below provide details of the number of reimbursements processed under the HSE CBD since 2018 to August 2022 and under the HSE Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Scheme since its inception in 2021 to August 2022.

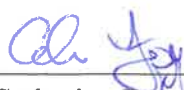
HSE Cross Border Directive Scheme						
Activity Description	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
No. of reimbursements processed**	2,011	3,886	4,961	4,723	1,914	701
Value of claims Processed	€4,433,642	€12,288,398	€13,121,259	€15,376,103	€7,811,328	€2,941,127.53

HSE Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Scheme		
Activity Description	2021	2022
No. of reimbursements processed**	1,187	1970
Value of claims Processed	€4,046,742.86	€7,120,571.09

In each of the years, the most common specialities for which patients travelled abroad to receive healthcare under the schemes are Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology, Gynaecology, ENT and Orthodontics.

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0872668759 or via [catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie](mailto:catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie).

Yours sincerely,



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