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Deputy Sean Sherlock
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Re: PQ number 16387/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of children diagnosed with scarlet fever and hospitalised due to same in the months October 2022 to March 2023, inclusive, broken down by individual hospital, and the age range of those children affected, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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

Scarlet fever is not a notifiable disease in Ireland therefore HPSC cannot provide you with the data requested by month, hospital and age range.

HPSC does collect information on scarlet fever outbreaks. To date in 2023, there have been two scarlet fever outbreaks:

- One was a confirmed outbreak in a private house (2 ill)
- One was a suspected outbreak in a childcare facility (7 ill)

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

Yours sincerely,

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