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PQ 19226/23 To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of in-patients in each acute hospital at present that has been admitted for more than one year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE's Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) system is a health information system designed to collect medical and administrative data regarding discharges from, and deaths in acute public hospitals in Ireland. All acute public hospitals participate in HIPE.

I understand that the specific information that you are requesting is not available. Currently there is no way of identifying current lengths of stay for patients who are still in - patients.

I wish to advise you HIPE do not provide information on open files, as they are continually being added to.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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