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PQ 5107/23 To ask the Minister for Health the total number of Irish patients suffering from sleep apnoea in the State, by HSE CHO area, in tabular form. - John Lahart

Dear Deputy Lahart,

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.

With regard to your particular request, unfortunately, the information as you requested it is not available. I am advised that HIPE can only provide the number of episodes and not the number of patients. Therefore, please see attached table of the number of discharges reported to the Health Information System (HIPE) with a sleep apnoea diagnosis code, 2015-2021. I wish to advise you that the 2022 file is an open file and continually added, the information requested cannot be provided for 2022 as of yet.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Nessa Lynch
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