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PQ7082/23 To ask the Minister for Health the volume and throughput of private patients in each public hospital for each year 2013 to 2022, inclusive, in tabular form; the number of patients seen; and the number of procedures conducted

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

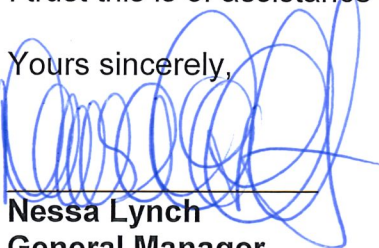
Please see attached record outlining data you requested, which was provided to me by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO), with a breakdown of the figures for the years 2013 – 2021.

I am advised by the HPO that the HIPE scheme is a health information system designed to collect clinical and administrative data on discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. Each month, data from the current month and any previous months during the year can be added to, or updated by, the hospital. The HIPE file is therefore provisional and subject to change until it closes in the following year, this facilitates the data being as complete and as accurate as possible when the file closes. Once the HIPE file is closed, changes can no longer be made to the data and it is at that stage that we start to use this data for reports and information requests.

As the 2022 is an open file and continually added to the HPO cannot facilitate the request for 2022 data at this time.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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