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Re. **PQ 4923/23**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE hospitals and community healthcare facilities for each month of 2019 to 2022, and in January 2023, in tabular form.

PQ 7243/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities in January 2023, in tabular form.

PQ7245/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities in January 2019, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

I refer to your parliamentary questions above which have been referred to HSE Quality and Patient Safety Incident Management for response. I can provide incident data recorded on the National Incident Management System. Incident reporting generally is impacted by a number of factors and is not intended as a data collection point but primarily aids as a system that helps incident management and learning from such events. Please be advised that there are data limitations which include potential duplication of incidents, variance in reporting and data validation, etc. The data below was extracted on the 02nd of March, 2023. It does not include voluntary services (including hospitals) but includes organisations under direct HSE governance only. The majority of incidents had no harm or low level harm reported.

PQ 4923/23

Years	month	CHO	HG	Grand Total
2019				
	1	307	43	350
	2	269	28	297
	3	291	51	342
	4	274	54	328
	5	363	54	417



	6	367	64	431
	7	377	59	436
	8	270	65	335
	9	276	69	345
	10	294	67	361
	11	220	51	271
	12	241	53	294
2020				
	1	349	54	403
	2	292	90	382
	3	285	59	344
	4	206	31	237
	5	213	35	248
	6	258	45	303
	7	251	48	299
	8	234	50	284
	9	185	39	224
	10	187	33	220
	11	220	38	258
	12	194	49	243
2021				
	1	197	27	224
	2	167	36	203
	3	196	48	244
	4	227	43	270
	5	205	37	242
	6	228	34	262
	7	207	29	236
	8	235	34	269
	9	209	34	243
	10	209	50	259
	11	178	26	204
	12	127	45	172
2022				
	1	167	28	195
	2	154	46	200
	3	184	25	209
	4	192	43	235
	5	201	35	236
	6	211	55	266
	7	180	33	213
	8	174	32	206
	9	149	32	181
	10	209	28	237
	11	198	35	233
	12	140	31	171
2023				
	1	176	26	202
Grand Total		11143	2121	13264



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Row Labels	CHO	HG	Grand Total
0 - Near Miss	16	1	17
1 - No Injury	131	21	152
2 - Injury not requiring first aid	21	3	24
3 - Injury or illness, requiring first aid	7	1	8
4 - Injury requiring medical treatment	1		1
Grand Total	176	26	202

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Row Labels	CHO	HG	Grand Total
0 - Near Miss	19	6	25
1 - No Injury	236	28	264
2 - Injury not requiring first aid	41	6	47
3 - Injury or illness, requiring first aid	9	2	11
4 - Injury requiring medical treatment	2	1	3
Grand Total	307	43	350

I trust this clarifies the matter but please do contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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