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**Deputy Mark Ward  
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**PQ 8930/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons presenting to emergency departments after being spiked with a drug or substance without their knowledge in each of the years from 2017 to date; if there has been an increase in presentations of syringe spiking; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ward,

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

Unfortunately presentations to ED are not reported by category of presentation so I am therefore not in a position to advise regarding the number of persons presenting after being spiked with a drug or substance without their knowledge.

Categorisation is undertaken at inpatient level. The HSE Healthcare Pricing Office, collect data through the Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) system, which is the main national repository of inpatient and day-case information for acute public hospitals.

I trust this clarifies.

Yours sincerely,

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