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Deputy Chris Andrews
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 3928/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have accessed the accident and emergency services in Dublin as a result of alcohol and drug misuse in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Chris Andrews

Dear Deputy Andrews,

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.

I understand that the specific information which you are requesting is not available. The HSE's Hospital Inpatient Enquiry (HIPE) Department does not contain any information on ED episodes. If the patient is subsequently admitted from ED then the HIPE episode only has information on the admitted portion of their care.

Furthermore HIPE do not report on open files, 2022 is still open at present.

HIPE have previously completed requests on alcohol/drug related discharges in acute hospitals. They could provide information on emergency alcohol/drug related discharges who were admitted from the ED department, for 2021. If you would like to have this information please resubmit your question for that specific information and we can provide that detail.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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