



31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Mr Francis Noel Duffy  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Duffy,

I write in response to **PQ 63697/22:**

**To ask the Minister for Health the figures for recorded community acquired pressure sores and hospital acquired pressure sores in Tallaght University Hospital for the years 2015 to 2020.**

Please see enclosed the table representing pressure sores reported to Tallaght University Hospital's Risk Management Department for years 2015-2020:

Year	Hospital Acquired	Community Acquired	Total
2015	17	112	129
2016	23	131	154
2017	53	179	232
2018	48	214	262
2019	146	303	449
2020	154	332	486

Please be advised that there has been a change in the reporting since 2016, this is a factor in the increase in numbers reported. Due to some staff being redeployed in 2020 data in relation to pressure sores for 2020 is incomplete.

Tallaght University Hospital is moving from a paper based system of reporting to an electronic system in Q1 2023 whereby our data will be more streamlined.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**MR JOHN KELLY**  
**DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**