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Re: **PQ ref 35073/23**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities for the period January to June or May, whichever is the latest available, each year 2018-2023 to date, inclusive, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has 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 11/07/2023. It includes only statutory services (including hospitals) and it does not include near miss incidents. The majority of incidents had no harm or low level harm reported. The definition of Incidents in the HSE are described in the **Incident Management Framework 2020** (page 41), which can be accessed on our website [here](#)

Outcome	January-June					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1 - No Injury	1,817	1,630	1,442	1,085	997	764
2 - Injury not requiring first aid	288	267	236	188	167	145
3 - Injury or illness, requiring first aid	107	82	69	45	64	37
4 - Injury requiring medical treatment	19	13	≤5	13	13	9
5 - Long Term disability/incapacity (incl. Psychosocial)	≤5	≤5			≤5	≤5
7 - Death		≤5				

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

Yours sincerely

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