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Deputy Donnchadh O’Laoghaire,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
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**PQ Ref 35520/23**

**\*To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries and procedures cancelled by specialty at Cork University Hospital and Mercy University Hospital for each month in the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter\***

**- Deputy Donnchadh O’Laoghaire**

Dear Deputy O’Laoghaire,

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.

It was not possible to provide the information in the format that you requested via specialty, however, the following is a total number of Day Case and In-Patient cancellations for the last three years 2020 to 2022 inclusive for both Cork University Hospital and Mercy University Hospital. Please note that this information is based on Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) data.

I also attach a breakdown of the information below month by month for the years 2020 to 2022

**Cork University Hospital**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Day Case Cancellations</b>	427	407	591
<b>In-Patient Cancellations</b>	181	205	188

**Mercy University Hospital**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Day Case Cancellations</b>	307	359	476
<b>In-Patient Cancellations</b>	32	38	38

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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