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> PQ 36190/23: To ask the Minister for Health to detail the level of absenteeism due to Covid recorded in each hospital and healthcare setting, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question in relation to levels of covid absenteeism which was forwarded to the Health Services Executive (HSE) by the Department of Health for direct reply.

Health sector absence reporting collates absence rates for our 160,000 employees across Health Service Executive (HSE), 49 hospitals in 7 Hospital Groups (including 18 voluntary hospitals), Community Services (Mental Health, Primary Care, Older Persons & Disability Services) across 9 Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs), which also includes 35 Voluntary Section 38 Agencies, Health & Wellbeing, Ambulance Services, together with Human Resources, ICT, Finance, Procurement etc.

National absence rates are reported monthly in percentage terms by staff category, certified, self-certified and (since 2020) COVID-19. Our latest available absence reports with COVID-19 absence rates shown separately since 2020 are published here.

Details for absence due to COVID-19 for Acute Services by hospital group and Community Services by care group together with National Services & Central Functions for each of the years 2020-2022 and YTD are set out in the following table:

Health Service COVID-19 Absence 2020 – YTD 2023:

Service / HG & CHO	Covid-19 Absence 2020	Covid-19 Absence 2021	Covid-19 Absence 2022	Covid-19 Absence YTD (May) 2023
Covid-19 Absence	**1.6%**	**1.7%**	**2.1%**	**0.5%**
National Ambulance Service	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%	0.5%
Children's Health Ireland	1.7%	1.5%	2.2%	0.7%
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	2.3%	1.8%	2.0%	0.7%
Ireland East Hospital Group	1.8%	2.0%	2.4%	0.5%
RCSI Hospitals Group	2.5%	2.3%	2.3%	0.5%
Saolta University Hospital Care	1.5%	1.8%	2.2%	0.6%
South/South West Hospital Group	1.1%	1.3%	2.0%	0.4%
University of Limerick Hospital Group	1.8%	2.1%	2.4%	0.7%
other Acute Services	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.1%
Acute Services	**1.8%**	**1.8%**	**2.2%**	**0.5%**
Community Health & Wellbeing	0.4%	1.2%	1.4%	0.1%
Mental Health	1.5%	1.4%	1.9%	0.5%
Disabilities	1.4%	1.5%	2.0%	0.5%
Older People	2.1%	2.4%	2.6%	1.0%
Primary Care	1.0%	1.0%	1.9%	0.5%
CHO Operations	n/a	n/a	0.7%	0.3%
Community Services	**1.5%**	**1.6%**	**2.1%**	**0.6%**
National Services & Central Functions	**0.5%**	**0.6%**	**1.0%**	**0.2%**

The Deputy will be interested to note that more extensive details for each hospital group to include hospital level information are available here and similar level reports for each Community Healthcare Organisation by Care Group are published here.

I trust that this information is sufficient to meet the Deputy's needs.

Yours sincerely,

Des Williams

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