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PQ 36601/23 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the 33,348 cataract surgeries which were carried out in 2021; the number completed in public hospitals; what number were completed under the treatment purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Colm Burke

Dear Deputy Burke,

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.

The Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) system is a health information system, managed by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) of HSE Finance and is designed to collect clinical and administrative data on discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland.

HIPE discharges are clinically coded from charts in the hospitals, this includes translating medical terminology into alpha-numeric code and using the entire chart to extract the conditions and procedures to create an adequate picture of the patient's health care encounter.

HIPE colleagues have advised they could only provide the number of surgeries carried out in Acute public hospitals. HIPE are unable to distinguish National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) and non-NTPF activity, therefore all activity performed in Acute public hospitals are reported in the figures.

Please find included Excel with HIPE data for any listed procedure of cataracts in 2021.

Please pay particular attention to the notes accompanying the data.



Table 1 below has been supplied by the NTPF.

Table 1: Cataract procedures carried out in public and private hospitals under the NTPF in 2021		
Public	Private	Total
2,330	3,692	6,022
Source: NTPF		

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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