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PQ 30575/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of patients with metastatic cancer given chemotherapy in last month of life in each of the years 2012 to 2023, in tabular form. -Johnny Guirke

Dear Deputy Guirke,

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 HSE's Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) system is a health information system designed to collect medical and administrative data regarding discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. All acute public hospitals participate in HIPE.

With regard to your particular request, unfortunately, the information as you requested it is not available. HIPE colleagues have advised me that there is not a unique discharge code available to them to categorise the hospital encounters specified. HIPE only have records of those who pass away in an acute hospital facility. This is likely only a proportion of the total number of deaths from metastatic cancer.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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