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To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care in January and February for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, by location in tabular form. The number of delayed discharges and the number as a percentage of all discharges. The number of bed days lost and the number as a percentage of all bed days available for the period.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In response, I wish to advise as follows - Please note

A. *The number of delayed discharges (DTCO) and the number as a percentage of all discharges.*

The number of DTCO reported is a census on a given day at the last reporting period of each month and it would not be appropriate to calculate a percentage of that number against all discharges in the month. The number of discharges in the month will also include patients who will have been a DTCO at some stage of the month

B. *The number of bed days lost and the number as a percentage of all bed days available for the period.*

The HSE does not report bed days lost as a percentage of beds available.

Please find the data as per your request, setting out the number of delayed discharges / DTCO and the number of bed days lost in January and February 2019-2023.

Please also refer to the footnotes in the attached data.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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