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Re: **PQ ref 12386/23**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities in January and February for each year 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to HSE Quality and Patient Safety Incident Management for response. I can provide incident data recorded on the National Incident Management System. Incident reporting generally is impacted by a number of factors and is not intended as a data collection point but primarily aids as a system that helps incident management and learning from such events. Please be advised that there are data limitations which include potential duplication of incidents, variance in reporting and data validation, etc. The data below was extracted on the 03rd of April, 2023. It does not include voluntary services (including hospitals). The majority of incidents had no harm or low level harm reported.

Final outcome recorded	Year					Grand Total
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
0 - Near Miss	43	69	35	30	30	207
1 - No Injury	492	582	318	298	345	2035
2 - Injury not requiring first aid	85	97	56	50	70	358
3 - Injury or illness, requiring first aid	22	35	16	13	18	104
4 - Injury requiring medical treatment	5	2	2	3	2	14
5 - Long Term disability/incapacity (incl. Psychosocial)				1		1
Grand Total	647	785	427	395	465	2719

I trust this clarifies the matter but please do contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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