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Re: **PQ ref 15937/23**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities in January, February and March 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.

incidents recorded in Jan, Feb and Mar		Column Labels					
Row Labels	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total	
0 - Near Miss	83	89	57	47	17	293	
1 - No Injury	728	857	500	445	151	2681	
2 - Injury not requiring first aid	128	136	85	84	24	457	
3 - Injury or illness, requiring first aid	41	45	21	24	8	139	
4 - Injury requiring medical treatment	7	2	8	3	1	21	
5 - Long Term disability/incapacity (incl. Psychosocial)	2			1		3	
Grand Total	989	1129	671	604	201	3594	

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

Yours sincerely

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