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Deputy Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

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Dáil Éireann
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PQ 22377/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of pacemaker procedures carried out in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023; and the hospitals in which these procedures are carried out, in tabular form

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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.

As you are aware, HIPE 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 alphanumeric code and using the entire chart to extract the conditions and procedures to create an adequate picture of the patient's health care encounter.

Please see attached excel document with the following; the number of discharges from acute hospitals reported to HIPE with a procedure code relevant to pacemaker procedures (see tab "Codes"), by hospital and year, 2021 and 2022, and note below.

HIPE can provide the number of discharges in HIPE with the following procedure codes relevant to pacemaker:

- 38353-00 Insertion of cardiac pacemaker generator
- 38353-01 Replacement of cardiac pacemaker generator
- 90203-05 Adjustment of cardiac pacemaker generator
- 38353-02 Removal of cardiac pacemaker generator
- 90219-00 Revision or relocation of skin pocket for cardiac pacemaker or defibrillator



Note that insertion of pacemaker with defibrillator functionality leads to cardiac defibrillator.

There are numerous codes in Blocks 647, 648,649,654 for electrodes, which are normally inserted at the time of insertion of generator code also when performed.

HIPE cannot provide information on 2023 HIPE data, as the dataset is not closed.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nessa Lynch', written over a horizontal line.

Nessa Lynch
General Manager
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