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Re: PQ ref 25891/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of adverse incidents that were recorded in the health service in total in 2022 and for each of the previous four years; the number of adverse incidents that were recorded in each hospital group in the same timeframe; the number of adverse incidents that were recorded in each hospital; the number of adverse incidents that were recorded in each CAHMS region; if he will detail the nature of all of the aforementioned adverse incidents; the number of health service-related claims that have been lodged with the State Claims Agency for each of the past five years; and the amount in compensation that has been paid out by the State as a result of claims lodged against the health service.

Dear Deputy Toibín

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 and anomalies that include potential duplication of incidents, variance in reporting and limited data validation, etc. The data below was extracted on the 26th June 2023 for HSE Hospitals and services - it does not include voluntary services (including voluntary hospitals). The majority of incidents had no harm or low level harm reported.

Number of adverse incidents recorded in the health service 2018 to 2022 and nature of adverse incidents.

The total number of adverse incidents recorded in the health service statutory organisations (Hospital and Community) 2018 to 2022 is 483,459.

Number of adverse incidents recorded in each Hospital Group 2018 to 2022 and nature of adverse incidents. Number of adverse incidents that were recorded in each hospital 2018 to 2022 and nature of adverse incidents.



See appendix A for a breakdown by hospital group (and CHO). The types of incidents can vary from incidents such as a fall, pressure ulcer, medication incident, etc.

Number of adverse incidents that were recorded in each CAMHS region 2018 to 2022 and nature of adverse incidents.

The National Incident Management System records incidents under the location where the incident occurred. See Appendix A for Community Services Data, this includes all statutory community services. It is all encompassing of community services regions and does not limit the incident data to CAMHS solely.

The number of health service-related claims that have been lodged with the States Claims Agency for each of the past five years.

The HSE does not have access to this data – please refer this question to the State Claims Agency.

The amount in compensation that has been paid out by the State as a result of claims lodged against the health service.

The HSE does not have access to this data – please refer this question to the State Claims Agency.

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

Yours sincerely

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Appendix A

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Total number of incidents reported

High level location	Year				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
CHO1	9,656	9,293	9,523	10,495	11,944
CHO2	5,093	4,855	4,139	4,158	4,729
CHO3	3,636	3,738	3,387	3,443	4,545
CHO4	7,302	7,357	7,390	6,864	7,579
CHO5	6,296	6,173	6,100	6,348	5,503
CHO6	2,662	2,904	3,097	2,452	3,391
CHO7	6,188	5,029	4,360	3,784	5,253
CHO8	5,909	5,590	5,201	4,790	5,298
CHO9	4,371	3,780	3,492	3,231	3,821
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	5,473	4,982	5,572	5,043	6,109
Ireland East Hospital Group	6,619	6,795	7,700	7,590	9,611
RCSI Hospitals Group	5,405	5,375	7,057	8,985	6,655
Saolta University Health Care Group	10,157	10,612	11,391	12,508	14,128
South/South West Hospital Group	11,021	11,108	11,585	10,833	12,094
University of Limerick Hospital Group	4,634	5,247	5,199	5,172	6,307
Grand Total	94,422	92,838	95,193	95,696	106,967

Percentage of incidents reported by severity outcome

final outcome	Year					Grand Total
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
0 - Near Miss	9.29%	11.34%	11.03%	9.07%	9.04%	9.93%
1 - No Injury	55.87%	52.77%	48.81%	48.25%	45.67%	50.14%
2 - Injury not requiring first aid	13.25%	13.34%	13.76%	15.65%	18.68%	15.04%
3 - Injury or illness, requiring first aid	11.30%	12.55%	14.01%	15.48%	16.04%	13.94%
4 - Injury requiring medical treatment	9.60%	9.25%	11.49%	10.74%	9.92%	10.20%

5 - Long Term disability/incapacity (incl. Psychosocial)	0.08%	0.10%	0.07%	0.09%	0.12%	0.09%
6 - Permanent/Incapacity (incl. Psychosocial)	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
7 - Death	0.59%	0.63%	0.81%	0.71%	0.52%	0.65%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Notes:

- The National Incident Management System (NIMS) is the principal source of national data on incident activity for the HSE.
- Please note that this NIMS data may contain anomalies and is subject to further change following ongoing incident and data analysis by services. Figures can change.
- There are known data quality issues with the incident data as the system is principally used for the purpose of learning from incidents and is not intended as a data collection system

Selection:

Incidents recorded in statutory services
Locations as per detailed above
Person related incidents
Period: 01/01/2018-31/12/2022
Extract date 26/06/2023