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*** To ask the Minister for Health how many patients are awaiting discharge from all hospitals under the South/South West Hospital Group due to no home supports being in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter.***

- Deputy Aindrias Moynihan

Dear Deputy Moynihan,

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. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position from January 2023 to week ending 5th November 2023:-

| Number of Patients Awaiting Discharge Due To No Home Supports Being in Place | |
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| HOSPITAL | January 2023 to week ending 5th November 2023) |
| Cork University Hospital | 265 (on any given day on average a total of 9 patients were waiting home supports) |
| Cork University Maternity Hospital | 0 |
| Mercy University Hospital | Circa 4 per week |
| South Infirmary/Victoria University Hospital | 12 |
| Bantry General Hospital | Bantry General Hospital does not collate this specific data: Patients experiencing a delay in the transfer of care is monitored but not for this specifically. |
| Mallow General Hospital | Mallow General Hospital does not collate this specific data: Patients experiencing a delay in the transfer of care is monitored but not for this specifically. |
| University Hospital Kerry | 0 |
| University Hospital Waterford | 135 |
| Kilcreene Orthopaedic Hospital | 0 |
| Tipperary University Hospital | 9 |

Both Bantry General and Hospital and Mallow General Hospital have advised that they do not collate this specific data. However, patients experiencing a delay in the transfer of care are monitored.

With regard to data provided by the Mercy University Hospital (MUH) which advised circa 4 per week, MUH have advised that on average 4 patients per week were waiting discharge home whilst awaiting a home care package from MUH. The data was taken from the Delayed Transfer of Care (DTC) portal which is a live system and some patients who are on the system in a certain week may also be on the system in following weeks depending on how long they are a delayed discharge due to waiting for a home care package.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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