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RE: PQ 49131/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of dialysis patients from Meath travelling to hospitals located outside the county, by hospital, for each of the past five years, in tabular form; the number of those who were transported to each hospital arranged through the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Renal Office (NRO) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

Haemodialysis treatment can only be provided in purpose-built units that have dedicated water treatment plants and specialised haemodialysis machinery. These are located strategically throughout the country. There is no haemodialysis unit located in Co Meath, but there are a number of units in neighbouring counties that provide dialysis treatments to patients who are ordinarily resident in Co Meath.

The details of patients who are receiving dialysis are held in an electronic patient record system, known as Kidney Disease Clinical Patient Management System (KDCPMS). The primary function of this system is patient care and does not categorise patients by area of residence.

In September 2023, the NRO identified that there were approximately 87 haemodialysis patients who were ordinarily resident in County Meath. These patients received their treatment under the governance of one of the 24 renal units nationally. From the 87 haemodialysis patients identified, 41 of these patients received treatment in a hospital based unit and 46 received treatment in a HSE satellite dialysis unit.

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

Yours sincerely

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