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REF: PQ 43014/23

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the pain relief waiting list in Galway University Hospital who have had their treatment outsourced to private hospitals or clinics in the Republic and to hospitals or clinics in the North of Ireland or elsewhere outside the jurisdiction in each of the past five years and to date in 2023; how many are expected to be referred within the next six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Noel Grealish

Dear Deputy Grealish,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

In response to your query, we have contacted the Waiting List office. Currently, patients on this Waiting List are outsourced locally to either the Bon Secours or the Galway Clinic.

Please see below table with the number of patients outsourced since 2018:

Year	Patients on Outpatient Waiting List (assessment and treatment)	Patients on Inpatient Waiting List
2018	0	0
2019	0	21
2020	0	44
2021	0	155
2022	232	290
2023	62	313

**Note:** Some patients may have been outsourced in 2022 but received treatment in 2023.

Over the next six months, it is anticipated to outsource a further 100 – 140 outpatients appointments and another 100 inpatient appointments (approximately, as this is subject to availability of capacity also).

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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