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PQ 44302/23:- To ask the Minister for Health the number of Haemodialysis patients who carry out their own haemodialysis at home, by county, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy,

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.

Response:

The option to carry out dialysis at home is offered to medically suitable patients. The vast majority of patients (88%) opt for in centre haemodialysis. Those that do opt to carry out dialysis in their own home usually choose to do Peritoneal Dialysis as it is technically less demanding.

In order to carry out home haemodialysis, the patient must have specialised equipment installed in their own house and have a suitable partner to assist them in the procedure. There are currently 57 adult patients carrying out Haemodialysis in their own home. Their home location data is recorded on the National Kidney Disease Clinical Patient Management System to enable delivery of clinical care and medical supplies.

The NRO is concerned that the release of the data identifying the number of haemodialysis patients who carry out their own haemodialysis at home, by county may inadvertently identify individual patients given the low number of patients in specific counties.

There are currently 6 training units that supervise the management of the home haemodialysis patients.

Beaumont Hospital	19 patients
Cork University Hospital	13 patients
Limerick University Hospital	10 patients
Galway University Hospital	7 patients
Tallaght University Hospital	5 patients
University Hospital Waterford	4 patients

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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