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PQ 38853/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of Irish patients suffering from sleep apnoea in the State, by HSE CHO, in tabular form. -Darren O'Rourke

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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.

The HSE's Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) system is a health information system designed to collect medical and administrative data regarding discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. All acute public hospitals participate in HIPE.

With regard to your particular request, the information as you requested it is not available. HIPE have advised data can only provide the number of episodes and not the number of patients. Therefore, please see attached table of the number of discharges reported to the Health Information System (HIPE) with a sleep apnoea diagnosis code, 2015-2022. Please be advised that that the data provided does not include any public activity performed in private hospitals under the 2020 - 2022 private hospital agreement.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Nessa Lynch,
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