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Deputy Colm Burke
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 40619/23

“To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that currently have free Wi-Fi in public areas as of August 2023, in tabular form; and the estimated cost of ensuring that every public hospital in this country has Wi-Fi available for patients.”

Dear Deputy Burke,

Thank you for your above correspondence which has been referred to me for response.

Patient WIFI is fully available in 31 out of the 49 voluntary and statutory hospitals with partial availability (example A&E only) in 3 of them.

Full Patient WIFI will be provided in the remaining hospitals as part of the National Enterprise Programme. The estimated cost per hospital, depending on location is between €200k-€300K per hospital. The costs are subject to final outcomes following vendor engagement per site. Each site is different and to provide the WiFi a site survey has to be completed; this informs the final cost estimate.

The table below provides details in tabular form as requested.

If you feel that the question has not been fully answered or require any further clarity, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Fran Thompson,
Chief Information Officer, eHealth, HSE.



| Site | Patient Wireless | Site | Patient Wireless |
|---|------------------|---|------------------|
| Bantry General Hospital | Yes | Lourdes Orthopaedic Hospital, Kilcreene | No |
| Beaumont Hospital | Yes | Louth County Hospital, Dundalk | No |
| Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital | Yes | Mallow General Hospital | Yes |
| Cavan General Hospital | Yes | Mater Misericordiae University Hospital | Yes |
| Children's University Hospital, Temple Street | Partial | Mayo General Hospital | Yes |
| Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown | Partial | Mercy University Hospital, Cork | Yes |
| Coombe Women's Hospital | No | Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar | Yes |
| Cork University Hospital | Yes | Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise | No |
| Cork University Maternity Hospital | Yes | Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore | Yes |
| Croom Hospital: UL Hospitals | No | Naas General Hospital | Partial |
| Ennis Hospital: UL Hospitals | No | National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street | Yes |
| Galway University Hospitals | Yes | Nenagh Hospital: UL Hospitals | No |
| Kerry General Hospital | Yes | Our Lady Of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda | No |
| Letterkenny General Hospital | Yes | Our Lady's Hospital, Navan | No |
| University Hospital Limerick | Yes | Tallaght Hospital | Yes |
| University Maternity Hospital: UL Hospitals | No | University Hospital Waterford | Yes |
| Monaghan General Hospital | No | Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin | Yes |
| Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe | Yes | St Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown | No |
| Roscommon County Hospital | No | St James's Hospital | Yes |
| Rotunda Hospital | No | St John's Hospital Limerick | Yes |
| Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin | Yes | St Luke's General Hospital Carlow / Kilkenny | Yes |
| Sligo General Hospital | Yes | St Luke's Hospital, Rathgar (Cancer Services) | Yes |
| South Infirmary-Victoria Hospital, Cork | No | St Michael's, Dun Laoghaire | Yes |
| South Tipperary General Hospital | Yes | St Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park | Yes |
| | | Wexford General Hospital | Yes |