06th October 2023

Deputy Louise O'Reilly,
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Leinster House
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PQ 41636/23
To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgery cancellations, by week, in each of the Dublin hospitals respectively, since 1 August 2023 to date, in tabular form, by reason for cancellation.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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:

In response to your query relating elective surgery cancellations, by week, in each of the Dublin hospitals respectively, since 1 August 2023 to date, in tabular form, by reason for cancellation.

The HSE do not centrally collect all aspects of the information that you have requested. Information that is collected relates to hospital-initiated cancellations; information associated with patient-initiated cancellations is not collected centrally. Details around the reasons for cancellation are not currently collected. Information requested has been provided in Appendix I.

Definition of a hospital initiated inpatient/day case cancellation:
A hospital-initiated cancellation of an outpatient or inpatient/day case procedure is defined as the rescheduling of a patient To Come In (TCI) date by the hospital due to circumstances beyond its control. It is important to note that the cancellations included in the report could represent in some cases patients who have been cancelled on more than one occasion.

Reasons for cancellation of scheduled care appointments:

Hospitals may have to cancel scheduled care appointments due to factors outside their control including the following:

I.   Increased ED attendances and admissions resulting in a requirement for surge inpatient bed capacity.
II. Unforeseen circumstances e.g., Weather events, infection outbreaks or industrial action.
III. Sick leave which impacts on service being given at the planned time

Rescheduling hospital appointments:

Hospitals endeavor to provide the patient with as much notice as possible in relation to the cancellation of elective appointments. The National Inpatient, Day Case, Planned Procedure (IDPP) waiting list management protocol 2017 requires hospital to reschedule elective care appointments within six weeks of cancellation, subject to patient confirmation regarding their availability to attend. Clinical guidance must be sought when managing and rescheduling patients cancelled by the hospital. This is necessary to ensure that urgent and vulnerable patients are rescheduled appropriately. Patients cancelled by the hospital will not have their waiting list date reset.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix I , and context around information reported

		WE 6th Aug 23	WE 13th Aug 23	WE 20th Aug 23	WE 27th Aug 23	WE 3rd Sep 23	WE 10th Sep 23	WE 17th Sep 23
Children's Health Ireland	CHI at Connolly							
	CHI at Crumlin	17	28	23	41	24	25	16
	CHI at Tallaght	0	0	2	5	1	0	3
	CHI at Temple Street	20	22	22	16	9	5	7
	Totals:	**37**	**50**	**47**	**62**	**34**	**30**	**26**
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital		0	0	0	0	0	0
	St. James's Hospital	3	7	6	13	9	18	8
	Tallaght University Hospital	4	4	3	2	4	5	4
	Totals:	**7**	**11**	**9**	**15**	**13**	**23**	**12**
Ireland East Hospital Group	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	32	40	39	49	41	61	59
	National Maternity Hospital	4	1	2	2		0	0
	National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh				3	5	12	10
	Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital		10	15	5	6		
	St. Columcille's Hospital	0	11	5	0	14	7	2
	St. Michael's Hospital	0	7	3	0	0	8	0
	St. Vincent's University Hospital	3	5	11	4	6	1	5
	Totals:	**39**	**74**	**75**	**63**	**72**	**89**	**76**
RCSI Hospitals Group	Beaumont Hospital	22	43	27	34	45	37	85
	Connolly Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Rotunda Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals:	**22**	**43**	**27**	**34**	**45**	**37**	**88**
	Totals:	**105**	**178**	**158**	**174**	**164**	**179**	**202**

Subject: the number of planned admission cancellations, by week, in each of the Dublin hospitals respectively, since 1 August 2023 to date, in tabular form, by reason for cancellation

Note: Elective Cancellations of Planned Activity at Dublin Hospitals since 1st August 2023 - 17th September 2023

Note: Report runs from 1st August - 17th September 2023 as this is the latest data available at the time of report population

Note: Data is normally reported weekly Mon-Sun on Wednesday of the following week

Note: The figures provided are subject to change due to validations and resubmissions

Note: Data provided relates to elective inpatient admissions reported as part of Weekly Hospital Cancellations of Planned Activity

Note: Blank cells denote a non-return of data

Note: Grey cells denote a non-provision of service