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PQ 30324/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care, at each location, for each quarter for each of the years 2019 to 2024, in tabular form; the number of delayed discharges; the number as a percentage of all discharges; the number of bed days lost; and the number as a percentage of all bed days available for the period. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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Business Information within the HSE comprises of a central repository for activity information for Acute and Non Acute Services. This is known as the Business Information Unit (BIU). Extensive amounts of data are collected, collated and validated.

This data is used in performance monitoring and measurement which supports the HSE in taking both operational and strategic decisions.

The information requested has been provided in the attached Excel file supplied by the Acute BIU, please see the explanatory information on the Excel file and outlined below.

Data Notes:

Please note the Number of DTOC patients as per columns March, June, September and December for each year relate to a point in time. The 'point in time' relates to a snapshot census of DTOC patients on the list, on the last Tuesday of each month. This is taken to align with the national weekly DTOC report.

Please note Children's Health Ireland includes CHI Tallaght, CHI Crumlin and CHI Temple Street.

Please note National Rehabilitation Hospital data only started reporting to BIU Acute from 2020.

Please note St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network data only started reporting to BIU Acute from 2021.

** In June 2021 there was no data due to cyber attack and not in a position to retrospective backdate.*



The Bed Days Lost is cumulative number of bed days lost to delayed transfer of care for that time period e.g. January to March cumulative data relates to Quarter 1, April to June relates to Quarter 2, July to September relates to Quarter 3, October to December relates to Quarter 4.

**Q2 2021 and Q3 2021 Bed Days Lost data not available as June, July & August 2021 were impacted by cyber attack and not in a position to backdate retrospectively.*

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nessa Lynch', is positioned above the printed name.

Nessa Lynch
General Manager
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