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Deputy Nash,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 21547/24 : To ask the Minister for Health how many patients have been treated over the past three years by the national OPAT programme; the breakdown of those figures in terms of home OPAT, community OPAT and self OPAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Ged Nash

Dear Deputy Nash,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 21547/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) is the delivery of intravenous (IV) antimicrobials in the community or outpatient setting, as an alternative to inpatient care.

The National OPAT Programme was established in 2011 to ensure the safe, appropriate and cost-effective use of OPAT (Home IV antibiotics). The OPAT programme allows for suitable patients on IV antibiotics to be discharged early from hospital to be treated in their home or community setting.

The aim of OPAT is to ensure that no patient receiving antimicrobials, who could be treated out of hospital, remains in hospital.

Table 1 reflects the numbers of patients treated under the OPAT Programme:

	2021	2022	2023
HOPAT	1,092	1,102	1,258
SOPAT	464	505	516
Total	1,556	1,607	1,774

I trust the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Seán McArt
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