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Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

31st March 2025

PQ 15037/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who currently remain in hospital but are clinically discharged and for each of the past five years. - Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 Business Information Unit (BIU) is a central repository for activity information for Acute and Non Acute Services. The BIU collects, collates and validates extensive amounts of data which is used in performance monitoring and measurement to support the HSE in operational and strategic decisions.

Delayed Transfer of Care occurs when a patient is ready to leave inpatient care but is still occupying a HSE funded bed. A patient is ready to leave inpatient care when all of the following three conditions are met:

- A clinical decision has been made that the patient is medically ready for discharge to their home or for transfer to a non-acute setting (MFFD)
- A multidisciplinary team (MDT) have reviewed the patient and a decision has been made that the patient is ready for transfer home or to an alternate care setting
- The patient is considered to be safe to discharge to their home /transfer to a non-acute setting.

There are a number of possible reasons why a patient may not leave an acute setting despite being clinically discharged. These can include patients who are awaiting arrangement of suitable home support or residential care and patients with complex clinical needs or legally complex circumstances.

The HSE publish a weekly urgent and emergency care analysis report every Monday; https://www2.hse.ie/services/urgent-emergency-care-weekly-update/

The report looks back at the week previous and shows:

- the number of people who went to an emergency department (ED) and who were admitted for care
- year-on-year comparisons of the weekly ED numbers
- average wait times for admission or discharge through the ED
- average weekly number of people on trolleys
- year-on-year comparisons of the weekly trolley numbers
- how many beds were used as part of a hospital's surge capacity
- analysis of the number of patients experiencing a delay in discharge

The report is a weekly analysis and comparison of the figures we publish in our daily urgent and emergency care report:
https://www2.hse.ie/services/urgent-emergency-care-report/

The information requested has been provided in the attached Excel file supplied by the Acute BIU.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

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Access and Integration

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Please note the Number of DTOC patients as per columns January 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 SLRON data only started reporting to BIU Acute from 2021

| | Jan-21 | Jan-22 | Jan-23 | Jan-24 | Jan-25 |
	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients
National Total	**427**	**576**	**579**	**376**	**408**
Children's Health Ireland	**6**	**5**	**6**	**6**	**4**
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	**108**	**141**	**133**	**51**	**50**
MRH Portlaoise	6	7	6	4	8
MRH Tullamore	7	7	5	5	6
Naas General Hospital	7	16	14	5	6
St. James's Hospital	59	66	64	19	21
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	3	2	0	3	0
Tallaght University Hospital	26	43	44	15	9
Ireland East Hospital Group	**107**	**139**	**169**	**81**	**69**
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	35	37	49	20	27
MRH Mullingar	2	0	2	0	4
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	3	1	2	0	0
National Rehabilitation Hospital	7	9	18	14	8
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	5	8	4	0	0
St. Columcille's Hospital	12	15	3	11	2
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	8	10	11	6	8
St. Michael's Hospital	8	16	22	7	3
St. Vincent's University Hospital	17	34	50	15	11
Wexford General Hospital	10	9	8	8	6
RCSI Hospitals Group	**71**	**93**	**55**	**29**	**35**
Beaumont Hospital	22	27	21	19	20
Cavan General Hospital	10	10	5	3	2
Connolly Hospital	2	5	8	6	5
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	37	51	21	1	8
Saolta University Health Care Group	**35**	**62**	**63**	**88**	**118**
Galway University Hospitals	9	17	19	28	40
Letterkenny University Hospital	10	16	18	18	22
Mayo University Hospital	7	10	8	14	12
Portiuncula University Hospital	4	7	5	2	6
Roscommon University Hospital	1	2	2	2	7
Sligo University Hospital	4	10	11	24	31
South/South West Hospital Group	**87**	**108**	**118**	**103**	**116**
Bantry General Hospital	2	6	5	6	4
Cork University Hospital	37	46	47	34	33
Mallow General Hospital	3	0	0	0	3
Mercy University Hospital	7	16	21	12	16
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	1	2	2	1	4
Tipperary University Hospital	4	12	6	11	7
UH Kerry	31	20	14	20	25
UH Waterford	2	6	23	19	24
UL Hospitals Group	**13**	**28**	**35**	**18**	**16**
Ennis Hospital	1	1	5	0	2
Nenagh Hospital	5	8	3	0	3
St. John's Hospital Limerick	4	2	2	5	7
UH Limerick	3	17	25	13	4