



Deputy Cathal Crowe
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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PQ 15567/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients presenting at hospitals (details supplied) in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. - Cathal Crowe

Details Supplied: Beaumont Hospital, St James' Hospital, St Vincent's Hospital, Galway University Hospital, Cork University Hospital and University Hospital Limerick

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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.

The HSE is experiencing an increase in ED attendances year to date with a significant increase in the number of patients aged 75 and over attending EDs with complex care needs, and often requiring admission to the acute hospital for treatment and in turn requiring supports on discharge.

On a daily basis, regardless of season, the HSE health regions optimise capacity to meet demand from both scheduled and unscheduled care.

Factors that influence meeting demand and facilitating admissions to hospital beds include; increased ED demand, infection prevention and control, staffing, availability of community and stepdown beds, availability of surge capacity.

There has been a collective effort right across our services throughout this winter period, with teams working tirelessly to ensure patients receive the best care possible. In the latter half of 2024 we saw an increase in the presence of senior clinical decision-makers and support services in our acute hospitals at weekends, and this helped reduce the build-up of numbers on trolleys at and immediately after weekends.

Please see the below link to the Urgent and emergency care report (daily).

<https://www2.hse.ie/services/urgent-emergency-care-report/>

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



I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Nessa Lynch
General Manager
Access & Integration



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Provider	Attendances
Beaumont Hospital	66,349
Cork University Hospital	87,393
Galway University Hospitals	81,196
St. James's Hospital	59,995
St. Vincent's University Hospital	67,042
UH Limerick	87,195

The Information is based on Emergency Department attendances.