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Dáil Éireann
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of robot-assisted gynaecological surgeries that took place using the Da Vinci surgical system located in Cork University Maternity Hospital annually between 2017 and 2024, in tabular form. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy,
The Health Service Executive has been asked to respond directly to your Parliamentary Question. The following outlines our response:

CUMH does not maintain detailed records of robotic procedures conducted using the Da Vinci system during this period. This is due to variability in robotic involvement (fully robotic-assisted vs. partial or supportive use) and limitations in data collection practices.

It should be noted that until 2021, prior to Cork University Hospital (CUH) acquiring its own Da Vinci system, CUH made use of the robotic surgical system based at CUMH.

There has been a notable increase in robotic procedures since the COVID-19 pandemic, supported by expanded theatre capacity, enabling more complex surgeries and broader use of robotic systems.

Yours sincerely,

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