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*To ask the Minister for Health the number of data breaches across each of the level 2, 3 and 4 hospitals that were reported to the Data Protection Commissioner for each of the years 2019 to 2024, in tabular form.*

Dear Deputy,

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 of Health for response. As you are aware this office wrote to you on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 advising that the data was not collected or stored in the format requested i.e. by hospital level.

Your correspondence dated 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 confirmed that you would be happy to receive the total number of data breaches reported to the Data Protection Commission (DPC) for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024. Accordingly please find this data outlined below.

Total number of Data Breaches reported by the HSE to the DPC

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|------|-----|
| 2022 | 524 |
| 2023 | 620 |
| 2024 | 619 |

The HSE manages all breaches of data protection in line with data protection legislation and HSE policy. As appropriate under legislation we report breaches to the Data Protection Commission. We are sorry that these data breaches occurred. We take all breaches of data protection seriously and all such cases are fully investigated to establish how they occurred and preventative measures are then put in place to reduce the risk of such breaches happening again.



The HSE continuously monitors arrangements to ensure compliance with data protection law and GDPR principles to ensure the security and confidentiality of the personal information of all our patients and service users.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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