



6th May 2025

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Leinster House  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 21517/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for Quarter 1 of each year 2022-2024, inclusive, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

**Response:**

The HSE collects and reports information relating to appointments and procedures which did not go ahead at the original planned date. The attached information provided includes details relating to:

- Appointment type for Quarter 1 of each year 2022 to 2024, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form, this includes adults and children.

Hospitals commenced reporting this data to the BIU over the first half of 2022 and as a result there are data gaps for the earlier part of this year which means that data from 2022 is not comparable with other years.

The data source for this information is the 'Weekly Hospital Cancellation of Planned Activity Data'. It is important to emphasise that the term cancellation in this context does not mean that the appointment did not go ahead, rather it did not go ahead on the original planned date and these appointments and procedures are rescheduled often within a short period of the original appointment.



On an ongoing basis, this data is also subject to change for the following reasons:

- Late submissions of data
- Resubmissions of data
- Ongoing quality assurance

Hospitals follow national guidelines on scheduling outpatient, inpatient, day case and planned procedures that require that they reschedule appointments within six weeks of the original appointment date, taking account of the patient's availability to attend.

**Additional context:**

In 2024 the HSE delivered more than:

- 686,000 inpatient cases
- 1,246,000 day cases
- 3,981,000 outpatient appointments

For further information on the guidelines that hospitals follow to schedule and reschedule patient appointments, please see links below:

**Outpatient waiting list protocol**

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/3/acutehospitals/patientcare/protocol-for-the-management-of-outpatient-services-and-guidance-documents/national-outpatient-waiting-list-management-protocol-2022.pdf>

**Inpatient, day case and planned procedure waiting list protocol**

[www.ntpf.ie/home/pdf/National%20Waiting%20List%20Management%20Protocol.pdf](http://www.ntpf.ie/home/pdf/National%20Waiting%20List%20Management%20Protocol.pdf)



**Reasons why hospitals may need to defer planned procedures and appointments include:**

- I. Increased ED attendances and admissions resulting in a reduction in availability of bed or theatre capacity for planned procedures.
- II. Unforeseen circumstances including weather events, infection outbreaks or industrial action.
- III. Sick leave or staff shortages.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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Access & Integration**

Please note data contained in this report is preliminary and may be subject to change

If information contained within this file is used in other reports then as a minimum requirement BIU must be referenced.



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Data Source: Weekly Hospital Cancellations of Planned Activity from Acute Hospitals via Acute BIU

**Parliamentary Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for Quarter 1 of each year 2022-2024, inclusive, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form. -David Cullinane**  
**Subject: Hospital Initiated Cancellations re Q1 2022 (partial), Q1 2023 and Q1 2024**

#### Notes:

All cancellations reported below are hospital initiated cancellations

The cancellation data does not measure that a procedure or appointment did not go ahead, but rather that the procedure/appointment did not go ahead on the date originally scheduled

\* Quarter one includes January, February and March cumulative data for each year with the exception of Quarter 1 2022, this is only partial as data collection commenced in February 2022

\*\* Data below reflects Quarter 1 for 2022 ,2023,2024

#### Data Gaps:

St Lukes Radiation Oncology Network (SLRON) data is unavailable.

National Maternity Hospital data available from 19th March 2023

Mallow data gaps 25th February 2024 and 4th March 2024

Childrens Health Ireland includes CHI Connolly, CHI Crumlin, CHI Tallaght and CHI Temple Street

In Q1 2022, blank cells indicate no data return due to no submissions from hospitals and cannot be retrospectively updated

	* Q1 2022	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
<b>HSE Dublin and Midlands</b>	<b>7,241</b>	<b>24,575</b>	<b>24,118</b>
<b>Childrens Health Ireland</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>11,845</b>	<b>11,775</b>
All Other Day cases	20	728	578
Chemotherapy (Day case)		120	65
Dialysis (Day case)			
Elective Inpatient Admission	8	871	546
GI Scope (Day case)	14	31	22
New Outpatient Appointments	76	2,153	2,399
Return Outpatient Appointments	115	7,942	8,165
<b>Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital</b>		<b>289</b>	<b>206</b>
All Other Day cases		93	97
Elective Inpatient Admission		6	3
New Outpatient Appointments		65	27
Return Outpatient Appointments		125	79
<b>MRH Mullingar</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>1,456</b>
All Other Day cases	65	264	246
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	6	0
GI Scope (Day case)	48	110	139
New Outpatient Appointments	0	0	0
Return Outpatient Appointments	674	1,145	1,071
<b>MRH Portlaoise</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>397</b>
All Other Day cases	39	92	109
Dialysis (Day case)	1		
Elective Inpatient Admission	1	3	1
GI Scope (Day case)	31	84	188
New Outpatient Appointments	18	18	27
Return Outpatient Appointments	139	82	72
<b>MRH Tullamore</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>820</b>
All Other Day cases	231	102	269
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	82	72	136
GI Scope (Day case)	43	114	48
New Outpatient Appointments	34	52	194
Return Outpatient Appointments	666	525	173
<b>Naas General Hospital</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>2,722</b>	<b>2,584</b>
All Other Day cases	44	27	18
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	1	6	23
GI Scope (Day case)	14	79	41
New Outpatient Appointments	265	731	632
Return Outpatient Appointments	418	1,879	1,870
<b>St. James's Hospital</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>5,170</b>	<b>4,436</b>
All Other Day cases	284	689	857
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	95	160	165
GI Scope (Day case)	27	67	43
New Outpatient Appointments	579	1,062	867
Return Outpatient Appointments	1,663	3,192	2,504
<b>Tallaght University Hospital</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>1,880</b>	<b>2,444</b>
All Other Day cases	230	252	371
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	53	72	63
GI Scope (Day case)	29	31	28
New Outpatient Appointments	364	387	551
Return Outpatient Appointments	870	1,138	1,431

<b>HSE Dublin and North East</b>	<b>8,118</b>	<b>10,121</b>	<b>12,976</b>
<b>Beaumont Hospital</b>	<b>2,606</b>	<b>3,722</b>	<b>3,175</b>
All Other Day cases	190	221	160
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	6
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	174	344	502
GI Scope (Day case)	270	365	667
New Outpatient Appointments	880	767	432
Return Outpatient Appointments	1,092	2,025	1,408
<b>Cavan General Hospital</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>903</b>
All Other Day cases	0	71	50
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	30	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)	0	130	133
New Outpatient Appointments	0	18	179
Return Outpatient Appointments	0	51	541
<b>Connolly Hospital</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>585</b>
All Other Day cases	99	24	268
Chemotherapy (Day case)			0
Elective Inpatient Admission	10	41	26
GI Scope (Day case)	134	97	169
New Outpatient Appointments	95	25	82
Return Outpatient Appointments	174	17	40
<b>Louth County Hospital</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>91</b>
All Other Day cases	5	6	42
Elective Inpatient Admission		11	31
GI Scope (Day case)		23	11
New Outpatient Appointments	24	46	2
Return Outpatient Appointments	209	44	5
<b>Mater Misericordiae University Hospital</b>	<b>3,986</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>7,226</b>
All Other Day cases	44	154	98
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	272	501	924
GI Scope (Day case)	21	30	33
New Outpatient Appointments	869	1,275	1,721
Return Outpatient Appointments	2,780	3,061	4,450
<b>Monaghan Hospital</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>427</b>
All Other Day cases	0	0	171
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)	0	32	90
New Outpatient Appointments	0	31	104
Return Outpatient Appointments	0	116	62
<b>National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>233</b>
All Other Day cases	49	28	19
Elective Inpatient Admission	72	43	40
New Outpatient Appointments	137	61	104
Return Outpatient Appointments	171	91	70
<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>213</b>
All Other Day cases	9	2	5
Chemotherapy (Day case)	12	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	38	38	107
GI Scope (Day case)	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	89	5	50
Return Outpatient Appointments	143	28	51
<b>Our Lady's Hospital Navan</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>
All Other Day cases	4	75	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	19	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	0	0	0
Return Outpatient Appointments	0	0	0
<b>Rotunda Hospital</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>123</b>
All Other Day cases		26	54
Elective Inpatient Admission	3	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments		95	32
Return Outpatient Appointments		103	37
<b>HSE Dublin and South East</b>	<b>4,302</b>	<b>17,918</b>	<b>12,627</b>
<b>Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21</b>
All Other Day cases		3	1
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	6	11
New Outpatient Appointments		20	5
Return Outpatient Appointments		11	4
<b>National Maternity Hospital</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>8</b>
All Other Day cases		0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission		1	0
New Outpatient Appointments		52	1
Return Outpatient Appointments		13	7
<b>National Rehabilitation Hospital</b>		<b>223</b>	<b>24</b>
All Other Day cases		0	
Elective Inpatient Admission		0	
New Outpatient Appointments		52	6
Return Outpatient Appointments		171	18
<b>Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital</b>		<b>3,204</b>	<b>2,402</b>
All Other Day cases		78	1
Elective Inpatient Admission		30	192
New Outpatient Appointments		412	328
Return Outpatient Appointments		2,684	1,881

<b>St. Columcille's Hospital</b>		<b>272</b>	<b>505</b>
All Other Day cases		195	0
Elective Inpatient Admission		0	62
GI Scope (Day case)		0	8
New Outpatient Appointments		54	184
Return Outpatient Appointments		23	251
<b>St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>4</b>
All Other Day cases	63	104	4
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	81	0
GI Scope (Day case)	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	0	0	0
Return Outpatient Appointments	0	0	0
<b>St. Michael's Hospital</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>292</b>
All Other Day cases			0
Elective Inpatient Admission	35	183	141
GI Scope (Day case)	21	14	0
New Outpatient Appointments	106	44	91
Return Outpatient Appointments	66	11	60
<b>St. Vincent's University Hospital</b>	<b>2,711</b>	<b>10,197</b>	<b>6,632</b>
All Other Day cases	21	27	43
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	33	39	248
GI Scope (Day case)	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	406	2,541	1,381
Return Outpatient Appointments	2,251	7,590	4,960
<b>Tipperary University Hospital</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>1,880</b>	<b>1,272</b>
All Other Day cases	55	112	97
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	54	87	97
GI Scope (Day case)	78	163	222
New Outpatient Appointments	109	154	218
Return Outpatient Appointments	601	1,364	638
<b>UH Waterford</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>1,390</b>
All Other Day cases		250	21
Elective Inpatient Admission	264	74	86
GI Scope (Day case)		7	32
New Outpatient Appointments		351	599
Return Outpatient Appointments		478	652
<b>Wexford General Hospital</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>77</b>
All Other Day cases	14	166	47
Chemotherapy (Day case)		0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	20	3	0
GI Scope (Day case)	22	95	30
New Outpatient Appointments	34	33	0
Return Outpatient Appointments	49	142	0
<b>HSE Midwest</b>	<b>4,793</b>	<b>4,742</b>	<b>1,892</b>
<b>Croom Orthopaedic Hospital</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>128</b>
All Other Day cases	26	9	21
Elective Inpatient Admission	34	51	64
New Outpatient Appointments	31	9	0
Return Outpatient Appointments	130	160	43
<b>Ennis Hospital</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>244</b>
All Other Day cases	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	49	111	27
GI Scope (Day case)	45	0	4
New Outpatient Appointments	57	13	40
Return Outpatient Appointments	184	106	173
<b>Nenagh Hospital</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>462</b>
All Other Day cases	19	165	165
Elective Inpatient Admission	22	34	10
GI Scope (Day case)	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	111	100	66
Return Outpatient Appointments	358	282	221
<b>St. John's Hospital Limerick</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>223</b>
All Other Day cases	16	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	69	167	140
GI Scope (Day case)	12	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	23	8	7
Return Outpatient Appointments	67	130	76
<b>UH Limerick</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>830</b>
All Other Day cases	9	88	235
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	12
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	157	7	119
GI Scope (Day case)	5	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	416	354	108
Return Outpatient Appointments	2,242	2,299	356
<b>UMH Limerick</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>5</b>
All Other Day cases	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	178	141	1
Return Outpatient Appointments	533	508	4
<b>HSE South West</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>8,007</b>	<b>14,750</b>
<b>Bantry General Hospital</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>
All Other Day cases	72	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	0	0

GI Scope (Day case)	73	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	124	0	0
Return Outpatient Appointments	128	11	25
<b>Cork University Hospital</b>		<b>4,624</b>	<b>11,796</b>
All Other Day cases		146	373
Chemotherapy (Day case)		1	5
Dialysis (Day case)		33	96
Elective Inpatient Admission		109	209
GI Scope (Day case)		43	47
New Outpatient Appointments		718	1,870
Return Outpatient Appointments		3,574	9,196
<b>Cork University Maternity Hospital</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>74</b>
All Other Day cases			4
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	11	2
New Outpatient Appointments	34	36	68
Return Outpatient Appointments	14	0	0
<b>Mallow General Hospital</b>		<b>1,082</b>	<b>1,230</b>
All Other Day cases		58	55
Chemotherapy (Day case)			0
Elective Inpatient Admission		1	0
GI Scope (Day case)		92	147
New Outpatient Appointments		302	235
Return Outpatient Appointments		629	793
<b>Mercy University Hospital</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>961</b>
All Other Day cases	9	99	235
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	40	70	139
GI Scope (Day case)	13	87	178
New Outpatient Appointments	62	231	95
Return Outpatient Appointments	67	529	314
<b>South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>457</b>
All Other Day cases	80	116	120
Chemotherapy (Day case)	5	4	4
Elective Inpatient Admission	11	30	37
GI Scope (Day case)	7		0
New Outpatient Appointments		72	10
Return Outpatient Appointments		241	286
<b>UH Kerry</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>207</b>
All Other Day cases	0	0	0
Chemotherapy (Day case)	3	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	34	45	0
GI Scope (Day case)	0	71	0
New Outpatient Appointments	36	143	54
Return Outpatient Appointments	81	505	153
<b>HSE West and North West</b>	<b>4,687</b>	<b>4,573</b>	<b>5,796</b>
<b>Galway University Hospitals</b>	<b>2,434</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>1,889</b>
All Other Day cases	381	664	1,047
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	123	159	167
GI Scope (Day case)	171	203	302
New Outpatient Appointments	450	88	101
Return Outpatient Appointments	1,309	259	272
<b>Letterkenny University Hospital</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>1,279</b>
All Other Day cases		174	235
Chemotherapy (Day case)			0
Elective Inpatient Admission	21	79	75
GI Scope (Day case)		44	57
New Outpatient Appointments		102	305
Return Outpatient Appointments		170	607
<b>Mayo University Hospital</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>393</b>
All Other Day cases	26	97	112
Elective Inpatient Admission	36	83	61
GI Scope (Day case)	8	65	52
New Outpatient Appointments	68	9	142
Return Outpatient Appointments	82	8	26
<b>Portiuncla University Hospital</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>493</b>
All Other Day cases	116	114	135
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0		0
Elective Inpatient Admission	3	22	45
GI Scope (Day case)	75	36	55
New Outpatient Appointments	146	128	134
Return Outpatient Appointments	47	131	124
<b>Roscommon University Hospital</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>600</b>
All Other Day cases	161	224	221
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)	90	47	59
New Outpatient Appointments	53	146	121
Return Outpatient Appointments	419	515	199
<b>Sligo University Hospital</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>1,142</b>
All Other Day cases	409	354	316
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	43	71	182
GI Scope (Day case)	71	131	250
New Outpatient Appointments	149	168	164
Return Outpatient Appointments	230	282	230

Grand Total	30,034	69,936	72,159
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