



Deputy Darren O'Rourke
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

20th February, 2025

PQ2162/25 To ask the Minister for Health the extra revenue that would be generated if patient charges in HSE-funded hospital for single-occupancy rooms increased by a further 20% based on 2024 figures. -Darren O'Rourke

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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.

Currently, there are no hospital charges for public inpatient care or day service care. The removal of Hospital Inpatient charges was announced as part of Budget 2023 and came into effect on 17 April 2023.

Patients who opt for private inpatient (including day-care) services in public hospitals are charged for inpatient services. How much they are charged as a private patient depends on the category of the hospital and (for an overnight stay) according to the type of room they are in.

Current rates are:

Hospital category	Single-occupancy room overnight	Multiple-occupancy room overnight	Day-case
Fifth schedule hospitals	€1,000	€813	€407
Sixth schedule hospitals	€800	€659	€329

These rates apply from January 2014.

I have checked with Finance colleagues including the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) and they have advised that the information you are seeking is not available at the level of detail requested as it is not captured in the finance systems, therefore we are not in a position to provide the information you request.

Yours Sincerely,

Nessa Lynch
General Manager
Access and Integration