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Re: PQ ref 3489/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities for each January and December for each of the years 2019 to 2025, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to HSE Quality and Patient Safety Incident Management for response. I can provide incident data recorded on the National Incident Management System. Incident reporting generally is impacted by a number of factors and is not intended as a data collection point but primarily aids as a system that helps incident management and learning from such events. Please be advised that there are data limitations which include potential duplication of incidents, variance in reporting and data validation, etc. The data below was extracted on 13/02/2025. It includes only statutory services (including hospitals) and it does not include near miss incidents. The majority of incidents had no harm or low level harm reported. Please be advised that in some instances the reported event has been recorded as an 'allegation' and we cannot confirm at this time if the event occurred. The definition of Incidents in the HSE is described in the **Incident Management Framework 2020** (page 41), which can be accessed on our website **here**

Year of Incident	Jan	Dec	Grand Total
2019	325	277	602
2020	377	229	606
2021	212	159	371
2022	180	171	351
2023	239	215	454
2024	193	187	380
2025	148	N/A	148
Grand Total	**1674**	**1238**	**2912**

I trust this clarifies the matter but please do contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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