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19<sup>th</sup> February 2025

***PQ3499/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care for each quarter of 2019 to 2024; the number of delayed discharges and the number as a percentage of all discharges; and the number of bed days lost and the number as a percentage of all bed days available for the period, at each location, in tabular form. - David Cullinane***

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

Business Information within the HSE comprises of a central repository for activity information for Acute and Non Acute Services. This is known as the Business Information Unit (BIU). Extensive amounts of data are collected, collated and validated.

This data is used in performance monitoring and measurement which influences the HSE in taking both operational and strategic decisions.

The information requested has been provided in the attached Excel file supplied by the Acute BIU, please see the explanatory information on the Excel file and outlined below.

There are a number of possible reasons why a patient may not leave an acute setting despite being clinically discharged. These can include patients who are awaiting arrangement of suitable home support or residential care and patients with complex clinical needs or legally complex circumstances.

The HSE publish a weekly urgent and emergency care analysis report every Monday; <https://www2.hse.ie/services/urgent-emergency-care-weekly-update/>

The report looks back at the week previous and shows:

- the number of people who went to an emergency department (ED) and who were admitted for care
- year-on-year comparisons of the weekly ED numbers
- average wait times for admission or discharge through the ED
- average weekly number of people on trolleys
- year-on-year comparisons of the weekly trolley numbers
- how many beds were used as part of a hospital's surge capacity
- analysis of the number of patients experiencing a delay in discharge



The report is a weekly analysis and comparison of the figures we publish in our [daily urgent and emergency care report](#).

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I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

**Nessa Lynch**  
**General Manager**  
**Access and Integration**

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	Mar-19	Jun-19	Sep-19	Dec-19	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	* June 21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24
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National Total	626	599	724	545	238	420	417	363	371		474	453	600	567	605	525	604	484	514	356	411	402	412	345
Children's Health Ireland	5	6	10	8	5	3	3	6	5		5	4	8	5	6	4	6	9	10	10	10	6	8	5
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	149	123	159	133	79	137	125	93	98		129	121	124	144	136	140	127	113	124	52	66	67	55	61
MRH Portlaoise	7	5	11	3	1	3	6	4	10		4	2	6	11	2	7	5	5	6	5	4	5	5	5
MRH Tullamore	9	10	16	12	5	11	12	9	6		9	7	9	6	8	5	6	6	4	1	6	7	7	6
Naas General Hospital	16	23	20	5	9	20	8	8	7		14	11	2	11	7	14	11	9	15	6	14	9	12	13
St. James's Hospital	78	59	76	71	46	67	68	47	52		61	49	69	71	67	67	66	60	64	21	27	34	18	18
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network									1		2	1	1	1	-	2	-	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
Tallaght University Hospital	39	26	36	42	18	36	31	25	22		39	51	37	44	52	45	39	32	35	17	14	12	13	19
Ireland East Hospital Group	167	164	207	128	50	103	85	84	92		129	105	167	144	160	149	157	129	114	85	89	69	75	62
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	49	52	41	27	3	35	28	17	29		39	29	52	40	42	36	57	38	16	17	17	15	16	14
MRH Mullingar	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	1	0		3	1	0	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	0	0	1	1
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	6	6	12	12	3	2	3	2	0		1	-	2	7	5	5	1	-	2	0	1	3	0	2
National Rehabilitation Hospital					3	9	6	7	6		10	7	12	9	9	17	15	14	14	15	15	6	11	10
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	6	13	16	7	4	8	3	4	3		-	6	1	4	2	6	2	2	3	2	2	1	3	2
St. Columcille's Hospital	12	12	19	19	9	9	11	15	9		14	12	32	13	2	4	5	4	4	9	4	2	5	3
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	16	10	22	11	5	8	6	9	8		20	9	12	9	14	7	12	10	10	6	9	11	12	6
St. Michael's Hospital	15	8	15	12	10	11	4	10	7		12	10	13	11	19	15	10	11	12	11	7	4	4	3
St. Vincent's University Hospital	41	34	49	27	9	19	20	14	27		34	32	34	41	53	48	51	39	46	20	27	19	16	16
Wexford General Hospital	22	29	32	11	6	10	9	12	9		6	6	9	10	13	10	4	11	6	4	7	8	7	5
RCSI Hospitals Group	133	120	158	127	38	54	43	42	44		55	76	82	74	69	72	66	27	23	21	26	17	29	35
Beaumont Hospital	46	40	64	55	13	12	11	10	13		13	20	32	20	14	20	24	16	10	12	15	11	19	17
Cavan General Hospital	8	15	17	16	4	3	7	6	1		1	3	6	3	2	4	2	2	3	0	3	1	1	2
Connolly Hospital	38	19	29	14	2	11	3	1	3		7	4	5	4	5	9	12	6	8	8	7	4	9	6
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	41	46	48	42	19	28	22	25	27		34	49	39	47	48	39	28	3	2	1	1	1	0	10
Saolta University Health Care Group	53	59	55	52	20	26	51	34	31		41	41	68	56	83	63	78	71	94	71	104	105	108	90
Galway University Hospitals	18	18	13	27	3	6	10	7	12		13	8	24	14	29	16	27	23	31	19	34	39	42	35
Letterkenny University Hospital	14	15	18	9	0	5	16	7	5		10	9	17	10	20	24	25	21	21	19	25	35	25	20
Mayo University Hospital	8	9	8	7	15	8	12	8	4		9	12	13	11	14	7	12	11	13	6	8	4	7	12
Portlincula University Hospital	1	5	4	2	0	3	6	4	1		2	4	5	8	5	4	5	4	10	3	5	4	3	2
Roscommon University Hospital	1	5	6	4	2	2	4	4	5		-	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	6	2	4	4	4	1
Sligo University Hospital	11	7	6	3	0	2	3	4	4		7	5	6	11	12	10	6	9	13	22	28	19	27	20
South/South West Hospital Group	98	105	102	79	42	63	94	84	73		92	78	121	106	119	75	150	113	129	106	99	114	109	74
Bantry General Hospital	5	13	7	10	5	6	6	2	5		4	6	11	6	7	4	3	7	6	9	6	7	7	3
Cork University Hospital	34	38	29	30	14	32	49	38	25		38	27	46	41	65	28	69	43	58	36	27	44	35	26
Mallow General Hospital	-	1	-	2	2	0	2	1	0		-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	6	9	2
Mercy University Hospital	16	12	16	8	3	7	10	11	10		13	15	19	20	9	14	22	17	15	14	10	13	10	12
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	6	5	5	8	2	1	3	1	4		2	1	4	1	2	2	4	1	1	4	4	3	1	3
Tipperary University Hospital	14	6	8	8	6	4	8	7	9		10	9	12	8	6	2	11	9	6	11	13	10	10	4
UH Kerry	9	17	16	2	5	11	12	19	11		18	16	19	14	22	12	15	20	16	13	22	16	27	16
UH Waterford	14	13	21	11	5	2	4	5	9		7	4	10	16	8	13	26	16	27	19	16	15	10	8
UL Hospitals Group	21	22	33	18	1	25	10	13	22		13	21	30	38	32	22	20	22	20	11	17	24	28	18
Ennis Hospital	1	-	-	-	0	3	1	3	0		1	-	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	4	2
Nenagh Hospital	3	4	11	5	0	3	2	3	3		3	4	6	5	5	6	3	5	3	1	2	3	2	4
St. John's Hospital Limerick	1	1	-	2	0	12	3	2	4		2	4	4	4	7	1	4	3	6	2	3	2	4	7
UH Limerick	16	17	22	11	1	7	4	5	15		7	13	19	27	18	14	10	12	10	6	10	18	18	5

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National Total	52,348	57,147	65,693	63,356	50,904	32,815	41,639	41,800	34,646			43,998	50,091	50,070	53,027	53,908	50,588	47,074	44,968	44,654	34,781	35,085	37,212	34,437
Children's Health Ireland	353	531	722	689	578	331	302	328	590			514	654	374	580	371	467	580	965	949	778	821	667	559
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	12,343	11,983	13,506	14,590	12,679	9,673	12,680	6,989	8679			10,499	11,756	12,821	13,252	12,654	11,996	10,445	11,140	9,457	6,113	6,463	6,175	5,552
MRH Portlaoise	312	445	778	618	502	246	452	321	506			322	511	553	497	538	671	633	604	538	423	572	648	600
MRH Tullamore	821	866	1,378	1,033	1,120	760	963	779	574			599	689	627	552	528	428	482	502	527	364	522	646	554
Naas General Hospital	1,457	1,940	1,896	1,612	998	810	1,614	692	485			1,012	1,020	920	1,127	1,090	1,171	929	1096	783	907	1,054	909	891
St. James's Hospital	6,398	5,935	6,638	7,517	6,235	5,251	6,084	3,101	4850			4,746	5,862	6,411	6,209	6,049	5,792	5,050	5,528	4615	2,780	2,986	2,628	1,895
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network									170			88	103	123	110	35	60	30	81	137	200	1	6	-
Tallaght University Hospital	3,355	2,797	2,816	3,810	3,824	2606	3,567	2,096	2094			3,732	3,571	4,187	4,757	4,414	3,874	3,321	3,329	2857	1,439	1,328	1,338	1,612
Ireland East Hospital Group	13,325	14,199	16,411	16,205	11,413	5,988	9,810	6,378	8353			11,514	12,613	13,681	14,221	14,614	13,455	12,014	11,135	10,219	6,919	6,595	6,489	6,841
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	3,814	4,024	4,377	3,968	2,483	1,547	3,396	2,022	2297			3,115	3,691	4,205	3,727	3,896	3,778	3,915	2289	1941	1,332	1,359	1,365	1,283
MRH Mullingar	57	34	226	181	148	77	113	97	57			189	72	45	27	86	29	4	66	61	63	61	127	229
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	592	568	794	1,212	571	183	297	103	171			259	150	408	506	374	271	100	87	79	49	140	72	85
National Rehabilitation Hospital					398	664	729	381	581			1,297	390	112	345	336	508	187	230	220	109	867	726	1,088
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	523	1,002	1,137	637	863	824	708	374	400			331	889	885	1007	1,508	1,684	1,201	1,273	1,376	1,282	90	90	143
St. Columcille's Hospital	1,147	1,192	1,444	1,900	1,856	811	1,097	823	1087			1,231	1,526	1,957	445	376	321	405	488	840	562	289	374	298
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	1,376	1,174	1,405	1,498	862	318	703	581	755			896	849	1,043	1,361	1,089	908	929	720	800	724	928	916	877
St. Michael's Hospital	878	957	1,221	1,296	1,319	785	568	346	786			1,653	1,248	833	1,351	1,281	1,466	1,134	1295	1071	461	338	328	387
St. Vincent's University Hospital	3,243	3,328	3,360	3,608	2,262	986	2,042	1,437	1882			3,075	2,936	3,287	4,296	4,650	3,917	3,686	4,174	3280	1,662	1,786	1,800	1,738
Wexford General Hospital	1,695	1,920	2,447	1,905	1,049	457	883	595	918			765	862	906	1,156	1,018	573	453	513	551	675	737	691	713
RCSI Hospitals Group	13,015	14,060	15,805	13,885	11,990	6,369	5,638	3,564	4716			6,798	7,247	6,366	7,443	6,542	5,004	5,234	2201	2857	2,126	1,718	2,301	2,139
Beaumont Hospital	5,420	6,040	6,855	5,783	5,118	2,522	1,794	1,034	1335			1,520	2,187	1,678	2,422	1,427	1,459	1,974	1288	1499	1,280	1,129	1,538	1,145
Cavan General Hospital	743	1,168	1,435	1,470	1,139	616	409	376	249			284	424	400	437	416	259	310	197	310	152	78	44	73
Connolly Hospital	2,718	2,394	2,768	1,960	1,251	886	851	156	487			369	404	412	551	914	696	942	570	987	618	458	649	627
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	4,134	4,458	4,747	4,672	4,482	2,345	2,584	1,998	2645			4,625	4,232	3,876	4,033	3,785	2,590	2,008	146	61	76	53	70	294
Saolta University Health Care Group	4,387	5,964	6,233	5,216	5,079	2,613	3,234	2,586	3011			3,728	5,549	5,152	5,655	7,116	6,509	6,748	6,958	7,915	8,291	8,782	9,737	9,176
Galway University Hospitals	1,696	2,285	1,963	1,469	1,715	371	457	495	630			1,130	1,445	1,565	1,652	2,659	2,170	2,410	2163	1999	2,951	2,843	3,471	3,561
Letterkenny University Hospital	913	1,319	1,529	1,497	1,041	558	823	720	714			927	1,255	1,234	1,385	1,543	1,485	1,554	1866	2296	1,754	2,275	2,591	2,322
Mayo University Hospital	875	867	1,153	830	909	875	924	845	814			630	1,131	905	909	1,093	983	1,080	1000	836	827	746	682	652
Portiuncula University Hospital	308	442	606	452	453	247	333	213	147			358	522	383	390	397	595	410	551	430	350	447	267	275
Roscommon University Hospital	115	182	416	345	578	257	297	163	278			172	285	246	223	241	325	382	307	497	427	437	338	242
Sligo University Hospital	480	869	566	623	383	305	400	150	428			511	911	819	1,096	1,183	951	912	1071	1857	1,982	2,034	2,388	2,124
South/South West Hospital Group	7,657	8,902	9,642	9,927	7,238	6,138	8,029	6,936	7388			7,615	9,802	9,033	9,435	10,416	11,023	10,240	10,884	11,427	8,936	8,959	9,624	8,542
Bantry General Hospital	496	717	1,051	774	702	308	684	337	239			552	741	443	464	905	367	340	641	688	632	448	790	453
Cork University Hospital	2,484	3,327	2,708	3,666	2,832	2,951	3,341	3,676	3129			2,822	3,708	3,529	3,529	3,893	4,095	4,273	4,275	4,398	2,877	2,990	3,332	2,069
Mallow General Hospital	26	19	129	207	89	110	88	89	81			34	13	-	16	30	37	2	41	78	59	338	354	346
Mercy University Hospital	1,618	1,092	1,283	1,086	764	767	1,036	661	764			1,588	1,628	1,573	1,786	1,508	1,677	1,916	1698	1664	1,041	777	843	988
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	253	302	395	430	368	183	279	154	249			110	193	294	312	336	324	332	175	263	336	375	189	275
South Tipperary General Hospital	639	739	1,024	1,025	744	420	702	507	570			609	912	411	486	390	535	461	625	522	962	1,024	1,161	862
UH Kerry	846	1,189	1,440	999	622	805	1,031	1,125	1888			1,509	1,714	1,279	1,537	1,616	1,458	1,405	1796	1705	1,663	1,766	1,746	2,104
UH Waterford	1,295	1,517	1,612	1,740	1,117	594	868	387	468			391	893	1,504	1,305	1,738	2,530	1,511	1633	2109	1,366	1,241	1,209	1,445
UL Hospitals Group	1,268	1,508	3,374	2,844	1529	1039	1217	811	1328			2,033	2,470	2,643	2,441	2,195	2,134	1,813	1685	1830	1,618	1,747	2,219	1,628
Ennis Hospital	49	13	294	152	63	138	60	40	80			230	397	140	181	165	222	171	300	197	244	268	467	221
Nenagh Hospital	202	250	749	764	293	249	308	212	254			669	496	456	460	361	278	340	230	221	104	220	170	265
St. John's Hospital Limerick	81	121	229	224	334	464	559	160	357			287	231	297	488	153	216	250	249	256	280	263	292	413
UH Limerick	936	1,124	2,102	1,704	839	186	290	399	637			847	1,346	1,750	1,312	1,516	1,418	1,052	906	1156	990	996	1,290	729