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PQ 3502/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care for each December and January for each year from 2019 to 2025; 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.

The HSE Business Information Unit (BIU) is a central repository for activity information for Acute and Non Acute Services. The BIU collects, collates and validates extensive amounts of data which is used in performance monitoring and measurement to support the HSE in operational and strategic decisions.

The information requested has been provided in relation to Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC). Please see the explanatory information on the Excel file and outlined below.

The BIU have advised data for January 2025 is not yet available.

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](#).

The Bed Days Lost is cumulative number of bed days lost to delayed transfer of care for that time period e.g. Jan to Mar cumulative data relates to Q1, April to June relates to Q2, July to Sept relates to Q3, Oct to December relates to Q4.

Data notes:

- Please note the Number of DTOC patients as per columns January and December for each year relate to a point in time. The 'point in time' relates to a snapshot census of DTOC patients on the list, on the last Tuesday of each month. This is taken to align with the national weekly DTOC report.
- Please note Children's Health Ireland includes CHI Tallaght, CHI Crumlin and CHI Temple Street.
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- In 2022 National Rehab Hospital was included in the Ireland East Hospital Group
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- * Q2 2021 and Q3 2021 Bed Days Lost data not available as June, July & August 2021 were impacted by cyber attack and not in a position to retrospective backdate.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Nessa Lynch
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Access and Integration

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	Jan-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Dec-23	Jan-24
	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients	No. of DTOC patients
National Total	562	545	638	363	427	453	576	525	579	356	376
Children's Health Ireland	5	8	8	6	6	4	5	4	6	10	6
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	136	133	145	93	108	121	141	140	133	52	51
MRH Portlaoise	3	3	12	4	6	2	7	7	6	5	4
MRH Tullamore	7	12	13	9	7	7	7	5	5	1	5
Naas General Hospital	15	5	9	8	7	11	16	14	14	6	5
St. James's Hospital	68	71	74	47	59	49	66	67	64	21	19
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network					3	1	2	2	0	2	3
Tallaght University Hospital	43	42	37	25	26	51	43	45	44	17	15
Ireland East Hospital Group	149	128	146	91	107	112	139	149	169	85	81
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	51	27	34	17	35	29	37	36	49	17	20
MRH Mullingar	1	2	3	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	0
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	2	12	7	2	3	-	1	5	2	0	0
National Rehabilitation Hospital			6	7	7	7	9	17	18	15	14
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	4	7	13	4	5	6	8	6	4	2	0
St. Columcille's Hospital	11	19	15	15	12	12	15	4	3	9	11
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	16	11	11	9	8	9	10	7	11	6	6
St. Michael's Hospital	8	12	19	10	8	10	16	15	22	11	7
St. Vincent's University Hospital	37	27	26	14	17	32	34	48	50	20	15
Wexford General Hospital	19	11	12	12	10	6	9	10	8	4	8
RCSI Hospitals Group	126	127	133	42	71	76	93	72	55	21	29
Beaumont Hospital	53	55	43	10	22	20	27	20	21	12	19
Cavan General Hospital	7	16	14	6	10	3	10	4	5	0	3
Connolly Hospital	27	14	19	1	2	4	5	9	8	8	6
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	39	42	57	25	37	49	51	39	21	1	1
Saoita University Health Care Group	50	52	78	34	35	41	62	63	63	71	88
Galway University Hospitals	21	27	18	7	9	8	17	16	19	19	28
Letterkenny University Hospital	7	9	26	7	10	9	16	24	18	19	18
Mayo University Hospital	10	7	16	8	7	12	10	7	8	6	14
Portluncula University Hospital	5	2	6	4	4	4	7	4	5	3	2
Roscommon University Hospital	1	4	4	4	1	3	2	2	2	2	2
Sligo University Hospital	6	3	8	4	4	5	10	10	11	22	24
South/South West Hospital Group	82	79	103	84	87	78	108	75	118	106	103
Bantry General Hospital	6	10	7	2	2	6	6	4	5	9	6
Cork University Hospital	23	30	46	38	37	27	46	28	47	36	34
Mallow General Hospital	1	2	0	1	3	-	0	-	0	0	0
Mercy University Hospital	17	8	15	11	7	15	16	14	21	14	12
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	1	8	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	1
Tipperary University Hospital	7	8	7	7	4	9	12	2	6	11	11
UH Kerry	10	2	11	19	31	16	20	12	14	13	20
UH Waterford	17	11	15	5	2	4	6	13	23	19	19
UL Hospitals Group	14	18	25	13	13	21	28	22	35	11	18
Ennis Hospital	-	-	1	3	1	-	1	1	5	2	0
Nenagh Hospital	1	5	5	3	5	4	8	6	3	1	0
St. John's Hospital Limerick	2	2	5	2	4	4	2	1	2	2	5
UH Limerick	11	11	14	5	3	13	17	14	25	6	13

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	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
National Total	13,435	14,410	17,895	13,502	11,397	18,880	11,999	15,717	17,015	11,462
Children's Health Ireland	195	143	119	280	202	207	186	177	161	269
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	3,201	3,333	4,317	2,296	1,851	4,153	2,979	3,842	3,941	1,998
MRH Portlaoise	127	153	224	177	191	201	195	176	237	179
MRH Tullamore	322	228	177	181	176	373	223	208	150	111
Naas General Hospital	269	304	404	196	286	288	176	400	409	215
St. James's Hospital	1,463	1,461	2,020	974	632	2,058	1,622	1,777	1,834	886
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network		30	20	44	0	0	60	44	9	85
Tallaght University Hospital	1,020	1,157	1,472	724	566	1,233	703	1,237	1,302	522
Ireland East Hospital Group	3,209	4,124	4,848	3,004	2,270	4,482	2,986	3,656	4,971	2,359
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	834	935	1,148	534	424	999	696	963	1,243	507
MRH Mullingar	45	30	34	30	48	66	41	16	17	0
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	51	100	167	0	72	236	84	38	138	13
National Rehabilitation Hospital	214	619	566	475	335	128	110	235	570	428
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	220	179	170	62	65	335	201	171	261	16
St. Columcille's Hospital	390	320	169	305	111	608	357	372	67	276
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	295	247	363	303	289	398	339	282	333	197
St. Michael's Hospital	215	454	351	346	109	521	312	358	574	179
St. Vincent's University Hospital	637	1,044	1,507	769	577	782	515	935	1,465	544
Wexford General Hospital	308	196	373	180	240	409	331	286	303	199
RCSI Hospitals Group	1,890	2,553	2,359	948	885	4,650	1,675	2,564	1,990	751
Beaumont Hospital	653	746	631	488	371	1,903	478	706	673	462
Cavan General Hospital	71	87	112	96	35	597	140	197	105	42
Connolly Hospital	40	137	267	339	208	580	134	146	220	224
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	1,126	1,583	1,349	25	271	1,570	923	1,515	992	23
Saolta University Health Care Group	1,248	1,202	2,301	2,683	2,784	1,980	1,229	1,742	2,087	2,504
Galway University Hospitals	238	310	629	640	1,047	726	255	393	517	806
Letterkenny University Hospital	365	281	677	787	722	416	294	361	593	588
Mayo University Hospital	383	234	299	272	242	333	357	381	326	209
Portlincula University Hospital	110	101	155	130	114	138	90	208	215	121
Roscommon University Hospital	76	99	101	90	40	199	92	75	68	135
Sligo University Hospital	76	177	440	764	619	168	141	324	368	645
South/South West Hospital Group	3,307	2,523	3,157	3,707	2,785	2,775	2,509	3,007	3,164	3,078
Bantry General Hospital	124	180	259	259	126	285	93	175	109	217
Cork University Hospital	1,723	912	1,076	1,421	666	1,053	911	1,170	1,060	984
Mallow General Hospital	16	0	0	25	70	44	43	0	9	0
Mercy University Hospital	344	576	509	473	463	301	293	543	524	380
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	39	34	88	92	116	143	42	39	89	99
Tipperary University Hospital	296	213	90	225	199	265	181	279	172	345
UH Kerry	618	499	416	520	647	246	852	620	504	544
UH Waterford	147	109	719	692	498	438	94	181	697	509
UL Hospitals Group	385	532	794	584	620	633	435	729	701	503
Ennis Hospital	17	15	51	102	64	16	15	49	72	29
Nenagh Hospital	110	189	190	47	111	135	118	173	102	29
St. John's Hospital Limerick	77	61	33	105	197	88	185	74	72	88
UH Limerick	181	267	520	330	248	394	117	433	455	357