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Re: PQ - 38028/25

Question: To ask the Minister for Health if she considers that hospitals should have to participate in and report to her on their standing within international clinical quality registries, quality improvement registries, or quality assessment registries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane 38028/25

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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Irish National Registers and National Clinical Audits are funded by the HSE by National Quality and Patient Safety. Participation in National Audit and Registries is voluntary and hospitals are not mandated to participate. Not all audit, registries and specialty quality improvement programmes are applicable to all hospitals.

The National Office for Clinical Audit (NOCA) are commissioned annually to undertake this work on behalf of the HSE and there is a service level arrangement in place for this. There are 11 national clinical audits and registries live.

There are a further 5 national clinical audits and registries which are in the development phase and not yet in active data collection or at feasibility study stage.

The Royal College of Physicians in Ireland are commissioned annually to undertake four National Specialty Quality Improvement (NSQI) Programmes on behalf of the HSE and there is a service level arrangement in place for this. There are 4 specialty quality improvement programmes, three of which are live and one is currently in development phase, as outlined below.

Current Live Audits and Registries

NOCA

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- **Irish Heart Attack Audit**: 10 live sites
- **Irish Hip Fracture Database[3]**: 16 live sites
- **Irish National Audit of Stroke**: 24 live sites
- **Irish National ICU Audit[2]**: 29 ICUs/HDUs across 25 adult public hospitals
- **Irish National Orthopaedic Register[2,4]**: 11 live sites
- **Irish Paediatric Critical Care Audit**: 2 live sites
- **Irish Potential Donor Audit[5]**: 6 live sites
- **Intensive Care Unit Bed Information System:** 28 live sites
- **Major Trauma Audit:** 26 live sites
- **National Audit of Hospital Mortality:** 44 live sites
- **National Paediatric Mortality Register[6]**: All public hospitals in Ireland. NPMR does not collect data from maternity units but does include neonatal deaths that occur in other hospitals.

NSQI Programmes:

- **National GI Endoscopy Quality Improvement (NEQI) Programme**: 36 live sites
- **National Histopathology Quality Improvement (NHQI) Programme**: 23 live sites
- **National Radiology Quality Improvement (NRQI) Programme**: 48 live sites
- **National Bronchoscopy Improvement (NBQI) Programme**: in development phase

See Appendix 1 and 2: For full details of all live NOCA audit and registry sites and RCPI SQI sites.

	Notes:
1	Audits/Registries in development but not yet collecting data include the Irish Dementia Registry, Irish Breast Implant Registry and Irish Audit of Paediatric Diabetes.
2	Private Hospitals participating or planned to participate are not listed above – relevant for INOR, IBIR, INICUA and ICU-BIS.
3	IHFD: Surgical Site Infection Surveillance data incorporated into the dataset
4	INOR: Data collection not yet commenced in Mayo
5	IPDA: Planning for implementation across further sites underway
6	NPMR: Rollout of Phase 1 of an electronic notification form for hospitals is planned to commence Q4 2025

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1: Live Clinical Audits and Registries – Sites by Region

Region	Hospital	Irish Heart Attack Audit	Irish Hip Fracture Database[3]	Irish National Audit of Stroke	Irish National ICU Audit[2]	Irish National Orthopaedic Register[2]	Irish Paediatric Critical Care Audit	Irish Potential Donor Audit[5]	Intensive Care Unit Bed Information System[2]	Major Trauma Audit	National Audit of Hospital Mortality	National Paediatric Mortality Register
Dublin & North East	Beaumont Hospital	✔	✔	✔	✔			✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan Hospital			✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & North East	Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown		✔	✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & North East	Louth County Hospital, Dundalk										✔	✔
Dublin & North East	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	✔	✔	✔	✔			✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & North East	National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh					✔					✔	✔
Dublin & North East	Our Lady's Hospital Navan					✔			✔		✔	✔
Dublin & North East	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda		✔	✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & North East	Rotunda Hospital Dublin											
Dublin & Midlands	Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital											
Dublin & Midlands	Regional Hospital Mullingar			✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & Midlands	Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise								✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & Midlands	Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore		✔		✔	✔			✔		✔	✔
Dublin & Midlands	Naas General Hospital			✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & Midlands	St. James's Hospital	✔	✔	✔	✔			✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & Midlands	St. Luke's Hospital, Rathgar											✔
Dublin & Midlands	Tallaght University Hospital	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔			✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & Midlands	Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin						✔		✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & Midlands	Children's Health Ireland at Tallaght								✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & Midlands	Children's Health Ireland at Temple Street						✔		✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & South East	Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital					✔						✔
Dublin & South East	National Maternity Hospital Dublin											
Dublin & South East	National Rehabilitation Hospital											✔
Dublin & South East	Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital										✔	✔
Dublin & South East	Tipperary University Hospital			✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & South East	St Columcille's Hospital										✔	✔
Dublin & South East	St Luke's General Hospital, Carlow/Kilkenny			✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & South East	St Michaels Hospital										✔	✔
Dublin & South East	St Vincent's University Hospital	✔	✔	✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & South East	University Hospital Waterford	✔	✔	✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
Dublin & South East	Wexford General Hospital			✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
HSE Mid West	Croom Hospital Limerick					✔					✔	✔
HSE Mid West	Ennis Hospital										✔	✔
HSE Mid West	Nenagh Hospital										✔	✔
HSE Mid West	St. John's Hospital Limerick										✔	✔
HSE Mid West	University Hospital Limerick	✔	✔	✔	✔			✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
HSE Mid West	University Maternity Hospital Limerick											
HSE South West	Bantry General Hospital			✔							✔	✔
HSE South West	Cork University Hospital	✔	✔	✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
HSE South West	Cork University Maternity Hospital											
HSE South West	Mallow General Hospital										✔	✔
HSE South West	Mercy University Hospital			✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
HSE South West	South Infirmary-Victoria University Hospital					✔					✔	✔
HSE South West	University Hospital Kerry		✔	✔	✔	✔			✔	✔	✔	✔
HSE West & North West	University Hospital Galway	✔	✔	✔	✔			✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
HSE West & North West	Letterkenny University Hospital	✔	✔	✔	✔				✔	✔	✔	✔
HSE West & North West	Mayo University Hospital		✔	✔	✔	~[4]			✔	✔	✔	✔
HSE West & North West	Merlin Park University Hospital					✔					✔	
HSE West & North West	Portiuncula University Hospital			✔					✔	✔	✔	✔
HSE West & North West	Roscommon University Hospital										✔	✔
HSE West & North West	Sligo University Hospital		✔	✔	✔	✔			✔	✔	✔	✔

Appendix 2: Participating Hospitals by Region

Region	Hospital	Endoscopy	Histopathology	Radiology

Region	Hospital			
HSE Dublin & North East	Beaumont Hospital	P	P	P
	Cavan General Hospital	P	P	P
	Monaghan General Hospital		P	P
	Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown	P	P	P
	Louth County Hospital, Dundalk	P		P
	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	P	P	P
	Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital			P
	Our Lady's Hospital, Navan	P		P
	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	P	P	P
	Rotunda Hospital		P	P
HSE Dublin & Midlands	The Coombe Hospital		P	P
	Regional Hospital Mullingar	P		P
	Midland Regional Hospital , Portlaoise	P		P
	Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore	P	P	P
	Naas General Hospital	P		P
	St. James's Hospital	P	P	P
	St. Luke's Hospital, Rathgar			P
	Tallaght University Hospital	P	P	P
	Childrens Health Ireland at Temple Street		P	P
	Childrens Health Ireland, TUH & CHB			P
	Childrens Health Ireland at Crumlin		P	P
HSE Dublin & South East	Kilcreene Orthopaedic Hospital			P
	National Maternity Hospital		P	
	National Rehabilitation Hospital			P
	Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital			P
	St. Colmcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown	P		P
	St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny	P		P
	St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire	P		
	St. Vincent's University Hospital	P	P	
	University Hospital Waterford	P	P	P
	South Tipperary General Hospital	P		P
	Wexford General Hospital	P		P
HSE Midwest	Croom Hospital Limerick			
	Ennis Hospital	P		P
	Nenagh Hospital	P		P
	University Hospital Limerick	P	P	P
	St. John's Hospital	P		P
	University Maternity Hospital Limerick			P
HSE South West	Bantry General Hospital	P		P
	Cork University Hospital	P	P	P
	Cork University Maternity Hospital			P
	Mallow General Hospital	P		P
	Mercy University Hospital	P		P
	South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	P		P
	University Hospital Kerry	P		P
HSE West & North West	University Hospital Galway	P	P	P
	Letterkenny University Hospital	P	P	P
	Mayo University Hospital	P	P	P
	Merlin Park University Hospital (Part of Galway Uni)			P
	Portiuncula Hospital	P	P	P
	Sligo University Hospital	P	P	P
	Roscommon University Hospital	P		P