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PQ 38110/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department presentations who left before they were admitted or discharged in the first six months of each year from 2019 to 2025, by hospital, 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 HSE currently reports the number of patients who registered yet decided not to wait within its Emergency Departments (EDs). Patients may choose to leave before triage, after triage or prior to a decision to admit or discharge home. The data does not distinguish or categorise patients that may require admission but left ED before admission or treatment.

The purpose of EDs is to deal with serious and unexpected illness and injury. EDs and their associated hospitals must clinically prioritise people who must be treated first, and those who may need to wait, or those who may need to attend a more appropriate care setting. To ensure this process is clinically safe for patients, Irish hospitals use the internationally tested Manchester Triage Tool which prioritises patients into a number of categories based on their clinical needs. Where a patient is seriously ill or injured, their needs will be prioritised above those with less serious conditions.

However, as demand inevitably overtakes capacity, prioritisation and consequential waiting may occur. In this regard, patients with less serious needs may choose to avail of alternative options. In many instances those presenting to EDs could have their clinical needs more appropriately addressed by self-care, pharmacists, GPs, GP Out of Hours Services and Injury Units. In Ireland, approximately 27% of those attending EDs are actually admitted to hospital.

The information requested has been provided in the attached Excel file supplied by the HSE Business Intelligence Unit (BIU).



Please see the data note on the Excel file, and outlined below:

Data note:

- CHI at Crumlin, CHI at Tallaght and CHI at Temple Street all contained under the Children's Health Ireland Group

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Subject: The number of Emergency Department patients who did not wait to be seen and left emergency departments from January to June for the period 2019-2025

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		January-June						
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
HSE Dublin and Midlands	Children's Health Ireland	1,746	632	729	3,284	3,157	2,915	1,774
	MRH Mullingar	748	479	569	1,033	1,153	1,327	1,071
	MRH Portlaoise	895	556	665	861	1,055	1,034	895
	MRH Tullamore	1,116	496	525	1,816	1,250	751	730
	Naas General Hospital	1,381	721	878	1,746	1,572	1,515	1,533
	St. James's Hospital	4,578	1,796	2,513	3,353	3,634	3,558	4,049
	Tallaght University Hospital	4,014	2,123	3,494	5,452	4,347	4,372	5,285
HSE Dublin and North East	Beaumont Hospital	1,884	948	1,335	1,946	1,913	1,777	2,230
	Cavan General Hospital	955	546	842	1,130	981	1,363	1,422
	Connolly Hospital	1,686	1,182	800	2,132	1,864	2,303	1,770
	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	5,681	2,940	2,293	4,920	6,656	7,162	6,825
	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	2,525	1,669	2,515	3,926	3,697	4,687	4,149
	Our Lady's Hospital Navan	558	376	377	510	646	942	915
HSE Dublin and South East	St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	288	250	353	545	831	917	737
	St. Michael's Hospital	242	109	100	201	250	414	415
	St. Vincent's University Hospital	1,585	838	1,390	3,587	2,912	2,736	2,416
	Tipperary University Hospital	392	247	301	642	741	712	615
	UH Waterford	903	571	729	1,639	1,627	1,329	1,317
	Wexford General Hospital	649	494	532	1,266	594	1,078	1,398
HSE Midwest	UH Limerick	2,666	1,543	1,921	3,982	3,200	2,770	3,518
HSE South West	Cork University Hospital	1,514	634	812	2,108	2,030	1,681	2,181
	Mercy University Hospital	1,613	996	618	1,403	1,170	1,221	997
	UH Kerry	937	601	642	1,102	1,258	1,471	1,276
HSE West and North West	Galway University Hospitals	2,324	842	971	1,726	2,114	1,890	1,857
	Letterkenny University Hospital	594	321	726	986	1,602	1,371	1,715
	Mayo University Hospital	533	254	553	1,068	614	481	506
	Portiuncula University Hospital	570	375	288	579	772	787	570
	Sligo University Hospital	692	278	397	1,038	1,402	951	826
Totals:		43,269	22,817	27,868	53,981	53,042	53,515	52,992