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PQ 38182/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care for the first six months of each year 2023-2025, inclusive, at each location, in tabular form; the number of delayed discharges and the number as a percentage of all discharges; the number of bed days lost and the number as a percentage of all bed days available for the period. -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.

Delayed Transfer of Care occurs when a patient is ready to leave inpatient care but is still occupying a HSE funded bed. A patient is ready to leave inpatient care when all of the following three conditions are met:

- A clinical decision has been made that the patient is medically ready for discharge to their home or for transfer to a non-acute setting (MFFD)
- A multidisciplinary team (MDT) have reviewed the patient and a decision has been made that the patient is ready for transfer home or to an alternate care setting
- The patient is considered to be safe to discharge to their home /transfer to a non-acute setting.

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:

<https://www2.hse.ie/services/urgent-emergency-care-report/>

The Bed Days Lost is a cumulative number of bed days lost to delayed transfers of care for that time period.

Data notes:

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- Please note BIU Acute cannot provide the number as a percentage of all bed days available, we are currently validating bed days available data with some hospitals so the data would not be reliable for all.
- Please note the Number of DTOC patients for each month 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.
- Please note Children's Health Ireland includes CHI Tallaght, CHI Crumlin and CHI Temple Street.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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General Manager
Access and Integration

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	2023											
	Jan-23		Feb-23		Mar-23		Apr-23		May-23		Jun-23	
	BDL	No	BDL	No	BDL	No	BDL	No	BDL	No	BDL	No
National	17,015	579	15,487	596	18,086	604	16,627	575	16,383	496	14,064	484
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	3,941	133	3,677	146	4,378	127	3,619	120	3,429	110	3,397	113
Children's Health Ireland	161	6	144	5	162	6	164	6	183	6	233	9
MRH Portlaoise	237	6	208	7	226	5	242	11	235	6	156	5
MRH Tullamore	150	5	130	4	148	6	173	7	174	4	135	6
Naas General Hospital	409	14	370	14	392	11	312	10	268	11	349	9
St. James's Hospital	1,834	64	1,721	71	2,237	66	1,720	59	1,666	51	1,664	60
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	9	0	29	1	22	0	8	0	0	0	22	1
Tallaght University Hospital	1,302	44	1,219	49	1,353	39	1,164	33	1,086	38	1,071	32
Ireland East Hospital Group	4,971	169	4,164	153	4,320	157	4,165	156	4,274	126	3,575	129
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	1,243	49	1,177	45	1,358	57	1,360	55	1,420	40	1,135	38
MRH Mullingar	17	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	138	2	77	4	56	1	46	0	11	1	43	0
National Rehabilitation Hospital	570	18	535	18	579	15	440	13	360	9	401	14
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	261	4	132	4	115	2	65	2	83	1	39	2
St. Columcille's Hospital	67	3	89	5	165	5	121	5	162	5	122	4
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	333	11	262	10	313	12	338	9	362	11	229	10
St. Michael's Hospital	574	22	555	13	337	10	410	16	396	11	328	11
St. Vincent's University Hospital	1,465	50	1,120	47	1,332	51	1,222	47	1,308	42	1,156	39
Wexford General Hospital	303	8	205	7	85	4	163	9	172	6	118	11
RCSI Hospitals Group	1,990	55	1,282	54	1,732	66	2,125	75	2,058	54	1,051	27
Beaumont Hospital	673	21	356	12	430	24	704	29	692	17	578	16
Cavan General Hospital	105	5	67	6	87	2	126	0	89	2	95	2
Connolly Hospital	220	8	208	7	268	12	409	14	323	8	210	6
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	992	21	651	29	947	28	886	32	954	27	168	3
Saolta University Health Care Group	2,087	63	1,876	66	2,546	78	2,466	85	2,249	66	2,033	71
Galway University Hospitals	517	19	603	24	1,050	27	834	32	879	24	697	23
Letterkenny University Hospital	593	18	352	16	540	25	592	17	406	19	556	21
Mayo University Hospital	326	8	317	10	340	12	353	13	387	7	340	11
Portluncula University Hospital	215	5	195	6	185	5	170	6	138	3	102	4
Roscommon University Hospital	68	2	148	2	109	3	181	4	100	3	101	3
Sligo University Hospital	368	11	261	8	322	6	336	13	339	10	237	9
South/South West Hospital Group	3,164	118	3,643	136	4,216	150	3,577	109	3,520	111	3,143	113
Bantry General Hospital	109	5	148	3	110	3	103	5	99	5	138	7
Cork University Hospital	1,060	47	1,355	53	1,680	69	1,629	41	1,359	46	1,285	43
Mallow General Hospital	9	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Mercy University Hospital	524	21	536	16	617	22	591	17	702	23	623	17
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	89	2	89	5	146	4	130	3	113	3	89	1
Tipperary University Hospital	172	6	212	7	151	11	138	7	140	5	183	9
UH Kerry	504	14	386	16	568	15	447	16	540	10	418	20
UH Waterford	697	23	889	36	944	26	539	20	567	19	405	16
UL Hospitals Group	701	35	701	36	732	20	511	24	670	23	632	22
Ennis Hospital	72	5	28	1	122	3	24	2	76	2	71	2
Nenagh Hospital	102	3	92	3	84	3	90	1	115	4	135	5
St. John's Hospital Limerick	72	2	61	1	83	4	41	1	102	1	107	3
UH Limerick	455	25	520	31	443	10	356	20	377	16	319	12

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	2024											
	Jan-24		Feb-24		Mar-24		Apr-24		May-24		Jun-24	
	BDL	Avg. No	BDL	Avg. No	BDL	Avg. No	BDL	Avg. No	BDL	Avg. No	BDL	Avg. No
National	11,462	376	10,755	402	12,564	411	11,652	385	11,928	414	11,505	402
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	1,998	51	1,761	73	2,354	66	2,131	66	2,223	76	2,109	67
Children's Health Ireland	269	6	233	10	276	10	344	11	272	8	205	6
MRH Portlaoise	179	4	130	4	114	4	177	6	240	8	155	5
MRH Tullamore	111	5	132	4	121	6	171	6	174	6	177	7
Naas General Hospital	215	5	252	12	440	14	391	18	418	12	245	9
St. James's Hospital	886	19	759	35	1,135	27	933	21	947	35	1,106	34
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	85	3	70	3	45	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tallaght University Hospital	522	15	418	15	499	14	458	15	444	15	426	12
Ireland East Hospital Group	2,359	81	2,116	79	2,444	89	2,254	79	2,267	81	2,074	69
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	507	20	455	17	370	17	489	11	454	14	416	15
MRH Mullingar	0	0	34	1	29	0	25	2	30	1	6	0
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	13	0	5	0	31	1	47	3	33	1	60	3
National Rehabilitation Hospital	428	14	391	12	463	15	334	10	306	9	227	6
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	16	0	25	2	68	2	50	0	15	3	25	1
St. Columcille's Hospital	276	11	165	7	121	4	106	6	98	3	85	2
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	197	6	226	7	301	9	336	11	323	7	269	11
St. Michael's Hospital	179	7	128	6	154	7	103	4	119	3	116	4
St. Vincent's University Hospital	544	15	480	21	638	27	552	21	586	29	648	19
Wexford General Hospital	199	8	207	6	269	7	212	11	303	11	222	8
RCSI Hospitals Group	751	29	638	20	737	26	651	21	553	19	514	17
Beaumont Hospital	462	19	397	10	421	15	411	14	407	12	311	11
Cavan General Hospital	42	3	41	1	69	3	52	1	13	0	13	1
Connolly Hospital	224	6	178	8	216	7	179	6	119	6	180	4
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	23	1	22	1	31	1	9	0	14	1	30	1
Saolta University Health Care Group	2,504	88	2,593	103	3,194	104	2,764	107	3,140	109	2,878	105
Galway University Hospitals	806	28	1,003	38	1,142	34	890	39	973	34	980	39
Letterkenny University Hospital	588	18	453	19	713	25	646	25	819	28	810	35
Mayo University Hospital	209	14	302	14	316	8	264	9	325	10	157	4
Portlincula University Hospital	121	2	109	3	120	5	158	4	163	5	126	4
Roscommon University Hospital	135	2	106	4	186	4	130	5	161	5	146	4
Sligo University Hospital	645	24	620	25	717	28	676	25	699	27	659	19
South/South West Hospital Group	3,078	103	2,848	96	3,010	99	2,920	81	2,921	107	3,118	114
Bantry General Hospital	217	6	202	6	213	6	210	5	87	2	151	7
Cork University Hospital	984	34	880	31	1,013	27	951	26	1,009	35	1,030	44
Mallow General Hospital	0	0	28	1	31	1	45	1	123	3	170	6
Mercy University Hospital	380	12	313	11	348	10	217	7	275	11	285	13
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	99	1	85	4	152	4	121	4	139	5	115	3
Tipperary University Hospital	345	11	312	8	305	13	334	10	351	16	339	10
UH Kerry	544	20	592	21	527	22	590	18	584	21	594	16
UH Waterford	509	19	436	14	421	16	452	10	355	14	434	15
UL Hospitals Group	503	18	566	21	549	17	588	20	552	14	607	24
Ennis Hospital	29	0	134	6	81	2	109	5	87	2	72	1
Nenagh Hospital	29	0	21	1	54	2	64	3	66	2	90	3
St. John's Hospital Limerick	88	5	103	4	89	3	127	3	97	2	39	2
UH Limerick	357	13	308	10	325	10	288	9	302	8	406	18

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National	11,780	390	11,545	424	12,753	421	11,616	396	12,227	404	11,340	386
HSE Dublin & Midlands	1,904	61	1,892	62	1,971	63	1,688	57	1,929	62	1,773	60
Children's Health Ireland	117	4	163	6	173	6	135	5	213	7	245	8
MRH Mullingar	49	1	124	4	169	5	98	3	93	3	59	2
MRH Portlaoise	206	7	194	7	185	6	155	5	170	5	119	4
MRH Tullamore	192	6	179	7	231	8	167	6	243	8	270	9
Naas General Hospital	341	11	151	5	196	6	192	7	266	8	245	9
St. James's Hospital	570	19	641	24	719	23	637	22	645	21	596	20
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	30	1
Tallaght University Hospital	429	14	240	9	298	10	304	9	287	9	209	7
HSE Dublin & North East	1,595	51	1,449	55	1,432	49	1,136	40	1,346	48	1,286	44
Beaumont Hospital	433	15	375	14	488	15	330	12	523	19	467	15
Cavan General Hospital	62	2	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	1
Connolly Hospital	156	5	119	5	178	6	208	7	174	6	163	5
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	512	17	449	18	358	14	409	14	392	14	349	12
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Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	348	10	399	14	312	11	181	7	251	9	270	10
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	54	2	81	2	65	2	6	0	6	0	0	0
HSE Dublin & South East	2,235	77	2,176	81	2,611	87	2,406	81	2,308	77	2,176	75
National Rehabilitation Hospital	332	10	210	7	236	7	310	9	356	11	336	11
St. Columcille's Hospital	68	2	99	4	70	2	52	2	70	2	85	3
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Wexford General Hospital	213	7	184	6	214	7	226	7	261	9	232	8
HSE Mid West	555	18	579	19	715	23	687	23	606	19	588	20
Ennis Hospital	60	2	159	4	187	6	157	5	163	5	133	4
Nenagh Hospital	96	3	96	4	115	4	127	4	117	4	99	3
St. John's Hospital Limerick	246	8	173	6	235	8	188	6	154	5	226	8
UH Limerick	153	5	151	5	178	6	215	7	172	5	130	4
HSE South West	2,297	76	2,140	78	2,238	73	2,038	69	2,121	69	1,949	66
Bantry General Hospital	107	4	100	4	98	3	98	3	210	7	222	7
Cork University Hospital	985	32	848	30	700	23	646	22	622	20	567	19
Mallow General Hospital	56	1	74	3	161	5	86	3	81	2	108	3
Mercy University Hospital	520	17	427	15	568	18	576	19	516	17	526	18
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	80	3	78	3	43	1	47	2	46	2	23	1
UH Kerry	549	19	613	23	688	22	585	20	646	21	503	18
HSE West & North West	3,194	107	3,509	129	3,786	127	3,661	125	3,917	130	3,568	121
Galway University Hospitals	1,161	38	1,149	43	1,184	40	1,283	43	1,334	44	1,327	46
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Mayo University Hospital	414	14	346	12	316	10	193	7	333	11	347	12
Portlinculla University Hospital	115	4	150	6	144	5	114	4	142	5	121	4
Roscommon University Hospital	77	3	197	7	257	8	165	6	214	7	68	2
Sligo University Hospital	837	29	771	29	848	30	703	25	704	24	715	24