



Cáilíocht Náisiúnta agus Sábháilteacht Othar

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Re: PQ ref 38185/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities for the first 6 months of each year 2023-2025, inclusive, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to HSE National Quality and Patient Safety, Incident Management for response. I can provide incident data recorded on the National Incident Management System. Incident reporting generally is impacted by a number of factors and is not intended as a data collection point but primarily aids as a system that helps incident management and learning from such events. Please be advised that there are data limitations which include potential duplication of incidents, variance in reporting and data validation, etc. The data below was extracted on 08/07/2025. It includes only statutory services (including hospitals) and it does not include near miss incidents. The majority of incidents had no harm or low level harm reported. Please be advised that in some instances the reported event has been recorded as an 'allegation' and we cannot confirm at this time if the event occurred. The definition of Incidents in the HSE is described in the **Incident Management Framework 2020** (page 41), which can be accessed on our website [here](#)

Count of Record Number		Column Labels 			
Row Labels 	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total	
Qtr1	743	686	539	1968	
Qtr2	765	732	519	2016	
Grand Total	1508	1418	1058	3984	

I trust this clarifies the matter but please do contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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