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Re: **PQ ref 38198/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health the rate of medication incidents as reported to the national incident management system per 1,000 beds, by location, at the end of June 2023-2025, 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.

We note the HSE National Service Plan 2025 includes in Appendix 1b National Performance Indicator Suite under section Receiving Care at the Right Time, title Medication Safety, the KPI Rate of medication incidents as reported to NIMS per 1,000 beds.

For this KPI the NQPS Incident management team is providing the numerator based on incident data recorded on the National Incident Management System to the Business intelligence unit (BIU) in the HSE.

The calculation of the KPI as the rate medication incidents per 1,000 acute inpatient bed days used is performed by the BIU. 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 monthly for submission to the BIU.

The data presented below includes only statutory services (hospitals). The majority of incidents had no harm or low level harm reported. 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](#)

The following data is based on the KPI 'Rate of medication incidents as reported to NIMS per 1,000 beds.'



## Cáilíocht Náisiúnta agus Sábháilteacht Othar

Oifig an Phríomhoifigigh Cliniciúil

### National Quality and Patient Safety

Office of the Chief Clinical Officer

Region	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025*
HSE Dublin and Midlands	6.59	7.05	6.01	3.91	4.96	4.00	4.76	5.63	5.77	5.21
HSE Dublin and North East	3.94	3.67	4.06	3.70	3.40	3.38	4.16	3.33	3.18	3.68
HSE Dublin and South East	3.01	2.61	3.18	2.57	2.60	2.81	3.92	2.71	3.10	3.03
HSE Mid West	2.84	2.46	2.72	2.75	2.34	2.93	2.18	2.71	3.36	3.30
HSE South West	2.28	1.87	2.50	2.44	2.24	2.39	1.74	1.87	1.60	1.74
HSE West and North West	2.16	1.42	1.17	1.43	2.23	2.01	1.62	2.15	2.31	2.91

\*Only April and May 2025 available

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

Yours sincerely

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