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PQ 38208/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost due to delayed transfer of care for each location for the year to the end of June 2023-2025, 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.

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/>

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Data notes:

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- 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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	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Total Jan to Jun 23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Total Jan to Jun 24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Total Jan to Jun 25
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National	17,015	15,487	18,086	16,627	16,383	14,064	97,662	11,462	10,755	12,564	11,652	11,928	11,505	69,866	11,780	11,545	12,753	11,616	12,227	11,340	59,921
HSE Dublin & Midlands	4,119	3,833	4,540	3,783	3,612	3,634	23,521	2,267	2,028	2,659	2,500	2,525	2,320	14,299	1,904	1,692	1,971	1,688	1,929	1,773	9,184
Children's Health Ireland	161	144	162	164	183	233	1,047	269	233	276	344	272	205	1,599	117	163	173	135	213	245	801
MRH Mullingar	17	12	0	0	0	4	33	0	34	29	25	30	6	124	49	124	169	98	93	59	533
MRH Portlaoise	237	208	226	242	235	156	1,304	179	130	114	177	240	155	995	206	194	185	155	170	119	910
MRH Tullamore	150	130	148	173	174	135	910	111	132	121	171	174	177	886	192	179	231	167	243	270	1,012
Naas General Hospital	409	370	392	312	268	349	2,100	215	252	440	391	418	245	1,961	341	151	196	192	266	245	1,146
St. James's Hospital	1,834	1,721	2,237	1,720	1,666	1,664	10,842	886	759	1,135	933	947	1,106	5,766	570	641	719	637	645	596	3,212
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	9	29	22	8	0	22	90	85	70	45	1	0	0	201	0	0	0	0	12	30	12
Tallaght University Hospital	1,302	1,219	1,353	1,164	1,086	1,071	7,195	522	418	499	458	444	426	2,767	429	240	298	304	287	209	1,558
HSE Dublin & North East	3,632	2,668	3,261	3,596	3,572	2,268	18,997	1,287	1,123	1,206	1,237	1,055	1,015	6,923	1,595	1,449	1,432	1,136	1,346	1,286	6,958
Beaumont Hospital	673	356	430	704	692	578	3,433	462	397	421	411	407	311	2,409	433	375	488	330	523	467	2,149
Beaun General Hospital	105	67	87	126	89	95	569	42	41	69	52	13	13	230	63	20	0	0	0	37	82
Connolly Hospital	220	208	268	409	323	210	1,638	224	178	216	179	119	160	1,076	156	119	178	208	174	163	835
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	1,243	1,177	1,358	1,360	1,420	1,135	7,693	507	455	370	489	454	416	2,691	512	449	358	409	392	349	2,120
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	138	77	56	46	11	43	371	13	5	31	47	33	60	189	30	6	31	2	0	0	69
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	992	651	947	886	954	168	4,598	23	22	31	9	14	30	129	348	399	312	181	251	270	1,491
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	261	132	115	65	83	39	695	16	25	68	50	15	25	199	54	81	65	6	6	0	212
HSE Dublin & South East	4,181	3,867	3,886	3,371	3,467	2,942	21,714	2,677	2,345	2,672	2,429	2,441	2,340	14,904	2,235	2,176	2,611	2,406	2,308	2,176	11,736
National Rehabilitation Hospital	570	535	579	440	360	401	2,885	428	391	463	334	306	227	2,149	332	210	236	310	356	336	1,444
St. Columcille's Hospital	67	89	165	121	162	122	726	276	165	121	106	98	85	851	68	99	70	52	70	85	359
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	333	262	313	338	362	229	1,837	197	226	301	336	323	269	1,652	186	270	335	315	282	257	1,388
St. Michael's Hospital	574	555	337	410	396	328	2,600	179	128	154	103	119	116	799	109	103	109	85	110	164	516
St. Vincent's University Hospital	1,465	1,120	1,332	1,222	1,308	1,156	7,603	544	480	638	552	586	648	3,448	500	436	538	410	467	405	2,351
Tipperary University Hospital	172	212	151	138	140	183	996	345	312	305	334	351	339	1,986	275	278	372	336	328	231	1,589
UH Waterford	697	889	944	539	567	405	4,041	509	436	421	452	355	434	2,607	552	596	737	672	434	466	2,991
Wexford General Hospital	303	205	65	163	172	118	1,026	199	207	269	212	303	222	1,412	213	184	214	226	261	232	1,098
HSE Mid West	701	701	732	511	670	632	3,947	503	566	549	588	552	607	3,365	555	579	715	687	606	588	3,142
Ennis Hospital	72	28	122	24	76	71	393	29	134	81	109	87	72	512	60	159	187	157	163	133	726
Nenagh Hospital	102	92	84	90	115	135	618	29	21	54	64	66	90	324	96	96	115	127	117	99	551
St. John's Hospital Limerick	72	61	83	41	102	107	466	88	103	89	127	97	39	543	246	173	235	188	154	226	996
UH Limerick	455	520	443	356	377	319	2,470	357	308	325	288	302	406	1,986	153	151	178	215	172	130	869
HSE South West	2,295	2,542	3,121	2,900	2,813	2,555	16,226	2,224	2,100	2,284	2,134	2,215	2,345	13,302	2,297	2,140	2,238	2,038	2,121	1,949	10,834
Bantry General Hospital	109	148	110	103	99	138	707	217	202	213	210	87	151	1,080	107	100	98	98	210	222	613
Cork University Hospital	1,060	1,355	1,680	1,629	1,359	1,285	8,368	984	880	1,013	951	1,009	1,030	5,867	985	848	700	646	622	567	3,801
Mallow General Hospital	9	28	0	0	0	2	39	0	28	31	45	123	170	397	56	74	161	86	81	108	458
Mercy University Hospital	524	536	617	591	702	623	3,593	380	313	348	217	275	285	1,818	520	427	568	576	516	526	2,607
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	89	89	146	130	113	89	656	99	85	152	121	139	115	711	80	78	43	47	46	23	294
UH Kerry	504	386	568	447	540	418	2,863	544	592	527	590	582	594	3,429	549	613	668	585	646	503	3,061
HSE West & North West	2,087	1,876	2,546	2,466	2,249	2,033	13,257	2,504	2,593	3,194	2,764	3,140	2,878	17,073	3,194	3,509	3,786	3,661	3,917	3,568	18,067
Galway University Hospitals	517	603	1,050	834	879	697	4,580	806	1,003	1,142	890	973	980	5,794	1,161	1,149	1,184	1,283	1,334	1,327	6,111
Letterkeny University Hospital	593	352	540	592	406	556	3,039	588	453	713	646	819	810	4,029	590	896	1,037	1,203	1,190	990	4,916
Mayo University Hospital	326	317	340	353	387	340	2,063	209	302	316	264	325	157	1,573	414	346	316	193	333	347	1,602
Portlucula University Hospital	215	195	185	170	138	102	1,005	121	109	120	158	163	126	797	115	150	144	114	142	121	665
Roscommon University Hospital	68	148	109	181	100	101	707	135	106	186	130	161	146	864	77	197	257	165	214	68	910
Sligo University Hospital	368	261	322	336	339	237	1,863	645	620	717	676	699	659	4,016	837	771	848	703	704	715	3,863