



12 August 2025

Deputy Pearse Doherty, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**RE: PQ 40273/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths that have occurred on the operating table during open heart surgery in Irish hospitals, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Doherty,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme for Cardiothoracic Surgery (NCP CTS) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The data requested is not currently available at a national level.

A National Clinical Programme (NCP) for Cardiothoracic Surgery has recently been established by the HSE. A key priority of this national clinical programme is to explore the establishment of a national registry for cardiothoracic surgery (funding-dependent) to enable key process and outcome measures, including risk-adjusted mortality data, to be reported, monitored and benchmarked.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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**Anne Horgan**  
**General Manager**