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Leinster House  
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***PQ 41109/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently clinically discharged from hospital, but who remain in hospital; the number who have been in hospital despite being clinically discharged for over 3 months, for over six months, for over one year and for over two years, by hospital. -Peadar Tóibín***

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 information requested has been provided in the attached Excel file supplied by the Acute BIU, please see the data notes on the Excel file and outlined below.

Data notes:

- Children's Health Ireland is a combination of CHI at Crumlin, CHI at Tallaght and CHI at Temple Street

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Nessa Lynch**  
**General Manager**  
**Access and Integration**

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Date report created: 25/07/2025

Data Source: BIU Acute (live list)

Subject: Number of DTOC patients currently active by hospital at a point in time on 24/07/2025

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RHA	Provider	Total
National Total		407
HSE Dublin and Midlands	Children Health Ireland	9
	MRH Mullingar	1
	MRH Portlaoise	4
	MRH Tullamore	11
	Naas General Hospital	11
	St. James's Hospital	15
	Tallaght University Hospital	14
HSE Dublin and Midlands Total		65
HSE Dublin and North East	Beaumont Hospital	10
	Cavan General Hospital	2
	Connolly Hospital	10
	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	13
	National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	1
	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	7
HSE Dublin and North East Total		43
HSE Dublin and South East	National Rehabilitation Hospital	13
	St. Columcille's Hospital	1
	St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	12
	St. Michael's Hospital	4
	St. Vincent's University Hospital	15
	Tipperary University Hospital	11
	UH Waterford	14
	Wexford General Hospital	11
HSE Dublin and South East Total		81
HSE Midwest	Ennis Hospital	7
	Nenagh Hospital	2
	St. John's Hospital Limerick	7
	UH Limerick	5
HSE Midwest Total		21
HSE South West	Bantry General Hospital	2
	Cork University Hospital	23
	Mallow General Hospital	1
	Mercy University Hospital	17
	South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	2
	UH Kerry	28
HSE South West Total		73
HSE West and North West	Sligo University Hospital	29
	Mayo University Hospital	8
	Galway University Hospitals	52
	Letterkenny University Hospital	31
	Portiuncula University Hospital	3
	Roscommon University Hospital	1
HSE West and North West Total		124

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Provider	4-6 months	7-12 months	>24 months	12-24 months
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>HSE Dublin and Midlands</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Children Health Ireland		1		
MRH Mullingar		1		
MRH Portlaoise	1			
MRH Tullamore	1		1	1
Naas General Hospital		1		
St. James's Hospital	2			
Tallaght University Hospital	2	1		
<b>HSE Dublin and North East</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>		
Beaumont Hospital		1		
Cavan General Hospital				
Connolly Hospital	1			
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	3	2		
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh				
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	1			
<b>HSE Dublin and South East</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>
National Rehabilitation Hospital	1	1		
St. Columcille's Hospital				
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny				1
St. Michael's Hospital				1
St. Vincent's University Hospital	3	1		
Tipperary University Hospital				
UH Waterford	2			
Wexford General Hospital	2			
<b>HSE Midwest</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>1</b>
Ennis Hospital		1		
Nenagh Hospital				
St. John's Hospital Limerick	2			
UH Limerick	1	1		1
<b>HSE South West</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>		
Bantry General Hospital				
Cork University Hospital	3			
Mallow General Hospital		1		
Mercy University Hospital	5	1		
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital				
UH Kerry				
<b>HSE West and North West</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Sligo University Hospital	2	2	1	1
Mayo University Hospital	1			
Galway University Hospitals	8	4		1
Letterkenny University Hospital	5			
Portiuncula University Hospital				
Roscommon University Hospital	1			