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PQ 42874/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of people hospitalised for cosmetic surgery performed incorrectly from 2020 to 2025, broken down by hospital group, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Conor Sheehan

PQ 42875/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of people hospitalised for non-invasive cosmetic procedures performed incorrectly from 2020 to 2025, broken down by hospital group, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Conor Sheehan

Dear Deputy Sheehan,

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.

Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) is a health information system, managed by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) of HSE Finance and is designed to collect clinical and administrative data on discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. HIPE discharges are clinically coded from charts in the hospitals, this includes translating medical terminology into alpha-numeric code and using the entire chart to extract the conditions and procedures to create an adequate picture of the patient's health care encounter.

Colleagues in HIPE have advised that there is no way to identify when a patient has been "hospitalised for cosmetic surgery performed incorrectly" nor when "hospitalised for non-invasive cosmetic procedures performed incorrectly". This is because, although HIPE collects data on the treatment of diagnoses and procedures, there aren't codes to explain the specific circumstances that led to a patient's admission.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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