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Leinster House
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PQ 43068/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of people hospitalised, per hospital, due to vaping related illnesses or injuries in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, 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.

The included Excel file has been provided by HIPE and details acute hospital daycase and in-patient discharges nationally. HIPE does not collect activity on outpatients, emergency department attendances, psychiatric units or long term stay units.

Please note that the code for vaping related disorder can only be assigned as an additional diagnosis.

A breakdown by hospital cannot be provided. In accordance with HSE and HPO policy, cells where the number of discharges reported to HIPE is 5 or less are not reported. This is for patient confidentiality reasons.

Please see the notes provided on the Excel file as well as the background information provided by HIPE and outlined below:

Please note the following excerpt from Irish Coding Standard ICS 22X1, VAPING RELATED DISORDERS:

- Vaping-related disorders are disorders that result from inhaling a vaporised solution (aerosol) via an electronic delivery system.
- Concern had arisen due to an increase in the incidence of vaping-related disorders internationally.
- As a result, the World Health Organization (WHO) has advised that effective from 25 September 2019, U07.0 Emergency use of U07.0 is assigned for vaping-related disorders, to monitor vaping-related disorders internationally.



I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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Access and Integration



Filename: H250160_PQ_43068_25_HIPE_Information.xlsx
Source: HIPE, Healthcare Pricing Office
Data Used: HIPE_2021_ASOF_0522_V18_CLOSE, HIPE_2022_ASOF_0323_V16_CLOSE, HIPE_2023_ASOF_0324_V13_CLOSE, HIPE_2024_ASOF_0325_V15_CLOSE
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Notes:
Daycase and in-patient discharges are reported only. HIPE does not collect activity on outpatients, emergency department attendances, psychiatric units or long term stay units.
HIPE data is based on hospitalisations which may include multiple admissions for the same patient. Therefore, it is not possible to use HIPE to examine certain parameters such as the number of hospital encounters per patient, or to estimate incidence or prevalence of disease.
For every discharge HIPE captures a principal diagnosis and up to 29 additional diagnoses, and up to 20 procedures, in addition to administrative and demographic information.
Diagnoses and Procedures are coded using ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS (from 2020 to 2023 the 10th edition is used, from 2024 onwards the 12th edition is used). This change in the coding classification needs to be considered when looking at the data across years.
Please note that the data provided does not include any public activity performed in private hospitals under the private hospital agreements.

Definitions:
Any Diagnosis is composed of the principal diagnosis and additional diagnoses reported. From 2011 HIPE collects a principal diagnosis and up to 29 additional diagnoses per discharge.
Principal Diagnosis is the diagnosis established after study to be chiefly responsible for occasioning an episode of admitted patient care, an episode of residential care, or an attendance at the health care establishment, as represented by a code.
Additional Diagnoses refer to conditions or complaints either coexisting with the principal diagnosis or arising during the episode of admitted patient care, episode of residential care or attendance at a health care establishment, as represented by a code.

Table: Number of discharges reported to HIPE from acute hospitals with additional diagnosis code U07.0 (Vaping related disorder), by year, 2021-2024.

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
N	0	7	10	12

Note that the diagnosis code U07.0 (Vaping related disorder) is only available since ICD-10-AM 10th edition, and can only be assigned as an additional diagnosis.

Background:
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