Deputy Martin Daly
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

30th June 2025

PQ 34554/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges at the end of May 2025 for each public and voluntary hospital; and the total number to date in 2025, in tabular form. -Martin Daly

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Dear Deputy Daly,

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 Bed Days Lost is a cumulative number of bed days lost to delayed transfers of care for that time period.

Data notes:

- The Number of Delayed Transfer of Care (DTOC) patients relate to a point in time. The 'point in time' relates to a snapshot census of DTOC patients on the list, on the last Tuesday of each month. This is taken to align with the national weekly DTOC report.
- 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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Subject:
(1) To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges at the end of May 2025 for each public and voluntary hospital; and the total number to date in 2025, in tabular form. -Martin Daly
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(2) To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost* owing to delayed discharges to date in 2025, for each public and voluntary hospital, in tabular form. -Martin Daly

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	May-25	
	BDL*	Avg. No
National	**12,227**	**404**
HSE Dublin & Midlands	**1,929**	**62**
Children's Health Ireland	213	7
MRH Mullingar	93	3
MRH Portlaoise	170	5
MRH Tullamore	243	8
Naas General Hospital	266	8
St. James's Hospital	645	21
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	12	0
Tallaght University Hospital	287	9
HSE Dublin & North East	**1,346**	**48**
Beaumont Hospital	523	19
Cavan General Hospital	0	
Connolly Hospital	174	6
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	392	14
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	0	
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	251	9
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	6	0
HSE Dublin & South East	**2,308**	**77**
National Rehabilitation Hospital	356	11
St. Columcille's Hospital	70	2
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	282	9
St. Michael's Hospital	110	4
St. Vincent's University Hospital	467	15
Tipperary University Hospital	328	11
UH Waterford	434	16
Wexford General Hospital	261	9
HSE Mid West	**606**	**19**
Ennis Hospital	163	5
Nenagh Hospital	117	4
St. John's Hospital Limerick	154	5
UH Limerick	172	5
HSE South West	**2,121**	**69**
Bantry General Hospital	210	7
Cork University Hospital	622	20
Mallow General Hospital	81	2
Mercy University Hospital	516	17
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	46	2
UH Kerry	646	21
HSE West & North West	**3,917**	**130**
Galway University Hospitals	1,334	44
Letterkenny University Hospital	1,190	39
Mayo University Hospital	333	11
Portiuncula University Hospital	142	5
Roscommon University Hospital	214	7
Sligo University Hospital	704	24