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**PQ ref 10812/25 -To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a schedule of fines issued to her Department and the HSE in respect of breaching general data protection regulations, by year, from 1 January 2020 to date in 2025; and if she will provide a breakdown by amount, year and breach criteria cited.**

Dear Deputy Farrelly,

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 of Health for response.

The National Data Protection Office of the Health Service Executive can confirm that there was one administrative fine of €65,000 imposed on the Health Service Executive (HSE) in 2020 in respect of Data Protection Commission (DPC) Inquiry (IN-19-9-1) concerning personal and special category data.

Acknowledging that the findings of this statutory inquiry had ramifications across the HSE, a high level Working Group was established by the Chief Operations Officer (COO), with representation from other stakeholders to consider the findings in the report, from which guidance documents were developed to address the issues highlighted in the report and disseminated across the system with a programme of monitoring to include an audit plan.

More information in relation to this particular Inquiry and fine can be found on the following link - [Inquiries concerning the Health Service Executive | Data Protection Commission](#)

The HSE provided an update to the DPC in May 2022, in respect of all corrective actions that were completed in respect of this Inquiry (IN-19-9-1).

There were no other fines for breaches of GDPR imposed by the DPC on the HSE between 2020 and the present date in 2025.

The HSE manages all breaches of data protection in line with data protection legislation and HSE policy. As appropriate under legislation we report breaches to the Data Protection Commission. We are sorry that these data breaches occurred. We take all breaches of data protection seriously and all such cases are fully investigated to establish how they occurred and preventative measures are then put in place to reduce the risk of such breaches happening again.



The HSE continuously monitors arrangements to ensure compliance with data protection law and GDPR principles to ensure the security and confidentiality of the personal information of all our patients and service users.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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