



1st April 2025

Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2.

PQ 10927/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, hospital group and hospital, in each of the years 2019 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Response:

The HSE collects and reports information relating to appointments and procedures which did not go ahead at the original planned date. The attached information provided includes details relating to:

- Appointment type for each of the years 2022 to 2024, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form, this includes adults and children.
- Appointment type, for January and February in 2025, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form this includes adults and children.

Hospitals commenced reporting this data to the BIU over the first half of 2022 and as a result there are data gaps for the earlier part of this year which means that data from 2022 is not comparable with other years.

The data source for this information is the 'Weekly Hospital Cancellation of Planned Activity Data'. It is important to emphasise that the term cancellation in this context does not mean that the appointment did not go ahead, rather it did not go ahead on the original planned date and these appointments and procedures are rescheduled often within a short period of the original appointment.

On an ongoing basis, this data is also subject to change for the following reasons:

- Late submissions of data
- Resubmissions of data
- Ongoing quality assurance



Hospitals follow national guidelines on scheduling outpatient, inpatient, day case and planned procedures that require that they reschedule appointments within six weeks of the original appointment date, taking account of the patient's availability to attend.

Additional context:

In 2023 the HSE delivered more than:

- 648,000 inpatient cases
- 1,194,000 day cases
- 3,650,000 outpatient appointments.

For further information on the guidelines that hospitals follow to schedule and reschedule patient appointments, please see links below:

Outpatient waiting list protocol

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/3/acutehospitals/patientcare/protocol-for-the-management-of-outpatient-services-and-guidance-documents/national-outpatient-waiting-list-management-protocol-2022.pdf>

Inpatient, day case and planned procedure waiting list protocol

www.ntpf.ie/home/pdf/National%20Waiting%20List%20Management%20Protocol.pdf

Reasons why hospitals may need to defer planned procedures and appointments include:

- I. Increased ED attendances and admissions resulting in a reduction in availability of bed or theatre capacity for planned procedures.
- II. Unforeseen circumstances including weather events, infection outbreaks or industrial action.
- III. Sick leave or staff shortages.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

**Sheila McGuinness,
Access & Integration**

Please note data contained in this report is preliminary and may be subject to change



If information contained within this file is used in other reports then as a minimum requirement BIU must be referenced.

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Data Source: Weekly Hospital Cancellations of Planned Activity

Subject: To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, hospital group and hospital, in each of the years 2019 to 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form. -David Cullinane

Notes:

All cancellations reported below are hospital initiated cancellations

The cancellation data does not measure that a procedure or appointment did not go ahead, but rather that the procedure/appointment did not go ahead on the date originally scheduled

* Data reporting for Weekly Cancellations began in February 2022

** Data below reflects from 2022 up to week ending 28th February 2025

Data Gaps:

St Lukes Radiation Oncology Network (SLRON) data is unavailable.

St Columcilles for 4th September and 4th December 2022 and Letterkenny for 18th September 2022

National Maternity Hospital data available from 19th March 2023

St James data gaps 26th November 2023

CHI Connolly and CHI Temple St data gaps 31st December 2023

Cork University Hospital have not provided data from December 2024 to date due to ongoing validation

Letterkenny data gaps 26th May to 25th August 2024

Mallow data gaps 25th February 2024, 24th March to December 2024

Wexford General Hospital data unavailable for 24th November 2024

	* 2022	2023	2024	** 2025
HSE Dublin and Midlands	61,162	92,778	88,241	16,991
Children's Health Ireland	25,264	45,075	43,294	7,793
All Other Day cases	1,575	2,492	3,061	597
Chemotherapy (Day case)	84	278	168	29
Elective Inpatient Admission	1,605	2,836	1,967	370
GI Scope (Day case)	98	123	148	17
New Outpatient Appointments	4,796	8,993	8,128	1,600
Return Outpatient Appointments	17,106	30,353	29,822	5,180
Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital	1,502	1,127	1,272	383
All Other Day cases	116	391	435	91
Elective Inpatient Admission	10	10	23	3
New Outpatient Appointments	502	267	302	49
Return Outpatient Appointments	874	459	512	240
MRH Mullingar	3,279	5,655	3,626	636
All Other Day cases	453	770	552	93
Elective Inpatient Admission	10	6	101	82
GI Scope (Day case)	170	377	600	149
New Outpatient Appointments	0	0	246	58
Return Outpatient Appointments	2,646	4,502	2,127	254
MRH Portlaoise	1,033	612	814	440
All Other Day cases	125	169	157	34
Dialysis (Day case)	2	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	4	6	2	0
GI Scope (Day case)	80	97	196	49
New Outpatient Appointments	166	76	164	81
Return Outpatient Appointments	656	264	295	276
MRH Tullamore	3,456	3,505	2,677	477
All Other Day cases	577	591	704	113
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	17	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	320	397	416	34
GI Scope (Day case)	111	288	182	14
New Outpatient Appointments	340	431	633	136
Return Outpatient Appointments	2,108	1,798	725	180
Naas General Hospital	4,331	8,521	7,542	2,073
All Other Day cases	116	39	37	0
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	20	51	55	10
GI Scope (Day case)	44	123	98	60
New Outpatient Appointments	1,489	2,343	1,612	758
Return Outpatient Appointments	2,662	5,965	5,740	1,245
St. James's Hospital	15,075	19,610	19,077	3,246
All Other Day cases	2,183	2,963	2,870	394
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	455	565	483	62
GI Scope (Day case)	364	363	196	10
New Outpatient Appointments	3,273	4,026	3,526	602
Return Outpatient Appointments	8,800	11,693	12,002	2,178
Tallaght University Hospital	7,222	8,673	9,939	1,943
All Other Day cases	1,156	1,223	1,700	378
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	271	268	309	40
GI Scope (Day case)	171	170	189	246
New Outpatient Appointments	1,426	1,920	2,353	354
Return Outpatient Appointments	4,198	5,092	5,388	925

HSE Dublin and North East	42,332	46,050	50,702	12,073
Beaumont Hospital	12,521	14,742	14,399	3,777
All Other Day cases	638	512	468	93
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	52	6	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	84
Elective Inpatient Admission	863	1,751	2,203	383
GI Scope (Day case)	951	790	1,450	505
New Outpatient Appointments	3,546	2,717	2,911	657
Return Outpatient Appointments	6,523	8,920	7,361	2,055
Cavan General Hospital	468	1,048	1,614	1,145
All Other Day cases	21	141	60	54
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	20
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	41
Elective Inpatient Admission	115	0	131	154
GI Scope (Day case)	127	153	169	100
New Outpatient Appointments	107	117	355	181
Return Outpatient Appointments	98	637	899	595
Connolly Hospital	1,406	614	1,332	450
All Other Day cases	246	184	620	139
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	25	52	29	0
GI Scope (Day case)	334	205	288	0
New Outpatient Appointments	221	105	239	104
Return Outpatient Appointments	580	68	156	51
Louth County Hospital	752	587	471	99
All Other Day cases	71	13	136	8
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	41	72	72	0
GI Scope (Day case)	72	94	123	13
New Outpatient Appointments	107	220	35	23
Return Outpatient Appointments	461	188	105	21
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	20,491	26,024	29,670	5,419
All Other Day cases	348	468	383	100
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	1,366	2,539	3,376	540
GI Scope (Day case)	122	158	124	29
New Outpatient Appointments	4,797	7,041	7,549	1,446
Return Outpatient Appointments	13,858	15,818	18,238	3,304
Monaghan Hospital	297	741	573	111
All Other Day cases	0	18	211	0
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	8	0	0	8
GI Scope (Day case)	133	54	110	45
New Outpatient Appointments	52	72	138	14
Return Outpatient Appointments	104	597	114	44
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	1,599	1,179	799	147
All Other Day cases	183	88	40	5
Elective Inpatient Admission	274	142	198	22
New Outpatient Appointments	495	357	307	85
Return Outpatient Appointments	647	592	254	35
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	687	431	1,339	804
All Other Day cases	29	8	56	27
Chemotherapy (Day case)	12	0	0	137
Elective Inpatient Admission	74	156	467	312
GI Scope (Day case)	19	0	66	107
New Outpatient Appointments	194	104	165	221
Return Outpatient Appointments	359	163	585	221
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	152	75	0	0
All Other Day cases	15	75	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	35	0	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)	4	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	63	0	0	0
Return Outpatient Appointments	35	0	0	0
Rotunda Hospital	3,959	609	505	121
All Other Day cases	84	114	218	41
Elective Inpatient Admission	7	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	1,391	259	164	44
Return Outpatient Appointments	2,477	236	123	36
HSE Dublin and South East	23,124	61,302	54,351	10,411
Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital	21	105	93	90
All Other Day cases	0	9	6	14
Elective Inpatient Admission	11	17	16	9
New Outpatient Appointments	4	33	29	12
Return Outpatient Appointments	6	46	42	55
National Maternity Hospital		185	1,070	192
All Other Day cases		0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission		25	41	14
New Outpatient Appointments		91	425	76
Return Outpatient Appointments		69	604	102
National Rehabilitation Hospital	736	546	109	41
All Other Day cases	7	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	6	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	170	121	31	11
Return Outpatient Appointments	553	425	78	30
Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital	2,046	12,223	9,917	1,260

All Other Day cases	1	219	30	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	117	323	109
New Outpatient Appointments	156	1,730	1,649	183
Return Outpatient Appointments	1,889	10,157	7,915	968
St. Columcille's Hospital	238	1,592	2,034	268
All Other Day cases	60	205	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	32	186	252	31
GI Scope (Day case)	18	27	33	15
New Outpatient Appointments	118	524	753	132
Return Outpatient Appointments	10	650	996	90
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	676	371	4	363
All Other Day cases	577	141	4	0
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	99	230	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)	0	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	0	0	0	225
Return Outpatient Appointments	0	0	0	138
St. Michael's Hospital	962	683	681	217
All Other Day cases	16	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	152	234	206	129
GI Scope (Day case)	124	35	20	0
New Outpatient Appointments	416	319	141	46
Return Outpatient Appointments	254	95	314	42
St. Vincent's University Hospital	10,271	33,161	30,504	6,001
All Other Day cases	97	178	163	36
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	93	353	737	97
GI Scope (Day case)	0	0	152	1
New Outpatient Appointments	1,761	7,706	6,410	1,223
Return Outpatient Appointments	8,320	24,924	23,042	4,644
Tipperary University Hospital	5,673	6,347	4,117	946
All Other Day cases	275	252	230	119
Chemotherapy (Day case)	1	12	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	279	231	287	77
GI Scope (Day case)	465	462	550	227
New Outpatient Appointments	644	593	733	109
Return Outpatient Appointments	4,009	4,797	2,317	414
UH Waterford	2,123	5,378	5,447	977
All Other Day cases	389	474	39	47
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	538	165	175	61
GI Scope (Day case)	10	91	109	18
New Outpatient Appointments	628	2,166	2,555	380
Return Outpatient Appointments	558	2,482	2,569	471
Wexford General Hospital	378	711	375	56
All Other Day cases	121	388	277	31
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	2	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	48	5	1	12
GI Scope (Day case)	94	141	97	13
New Outpatient Appointments	48	33	0	0
Return Outpatient Appointments	67	142	0	0
HSE Midwest	18,544	15,108	9,895	1,712
Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	1,081	704	630	115
All Other Day cases	116	115	126	11
Elective Inpatient Admission	125	108	176	27
New Outpatient Appointments	181	37	72	15
Return Outpatient Appointments	659	444	256	62
Ennis Hospital	885	894	1,559	257
All Other Day cases	0	5	87	0
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	64	135	154	57
GI Scope (Day case)	86	0	24	38
New Outpatient Appointments	143	133	181	10
Return Outpatient Appointments	592	621	1,113	152
Nenagh Hospital	2,163	1,560	1,730	381
All Other Day cases	120	208	319	75
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	60	37	49	47
GI Scope (Day case)	94	0	51	30
New Outpatient Appointments	363	208	264	14
Return Outpatient Appointments	1,526	1,107	1,047	238
St. John's Hospital Limerick	633	927	639	22
All Other Day cases	26	3	64	5
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	123	282	307	7
GI Scope (Day case)	90	38	56	0
New Outpatient Appointments	152	104	23	3
Return Outpatient Appointments	242	500	189	7
UH Limerick	10,640	9,449	5,038	881
All Other Day cases	149	225	336	9
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	16	0
Dialysis (Day case)	8	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	307	163	471	45
GI Scope (Day case)	23	0	16	9

New Outpatient Appointments	1,945	1,349	798	128
Return Outpatient Appointments	8,208	7,712	3,401	690
UMH Limerick	3,142	2,801	299	56
All Other Day cases	1	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	11	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	613	600	28	17
Return Outpatient Appointments	2,517	2,201	271	39
HSE South West	27,241	30,836	56,544	3,887
Bantry General Hospital	790	76	234	228
All Other Day cases	155	0	0	36
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	0	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)	124	22	36	26
New Outpatient Appointments	178	8	35	35
Return Outpatient Appointments	333	46	163	131
Cork University Hospital	17,556	19,212	45,996	
All Other Day cases	702	661	1,194	
Chemotherapy (Day case)	38	4	19	
Dialysis (Day case)	150	91	112	
Elective Inpatient Admission	477	339	675	
GI Scope (Day case)	207	120	217	
New Outpatient Appointments	2,918	3,471	7,965	
Return Outpatient Appointments	13,064	14,526	35,814	
Cork University Maternity Hospital	329	383	391	143
All Other Day cases	0	9	16	27
Elective Inpatient Admission	35	29	7	1
New Outpatient Appointments	142	280	336	84
Return Outpatient Appointments	152	65	32	31
Mallow General Hospital	2,060	3,343	1,232	1,037
All Other Day cases	81	198	55	78
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	1	3	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)	199	252	147	105
New Outpatient Appointments	529	696	235	203
Return Outpatient Appointments	1,250	2,194	795	651
Mercy University Hospital	3,781	4,491	4,491	1,037
All Other Day cases	234	667	896	227
Chemotherapy (Day case)	23	0	52	15
Elective Inpatient Admission	310	170	276	19
GI Scope (Day case)	311	608	684	163
New Outpatient Appointments	829	759	547	117
Return Outpatient Appointments	2,074	2,287	2,036	496
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	1,720	1,799	1,782	487
All Other Day cases	484	480	445	220
Chemotherapy (Day case)	40	32	19	3
Elective Inpatient Admission	96	76	85	26
GI Scope (Day case)	7	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	154	198	195	62
Return Outpatient Appointments	939	1,013	1,038	176
UH Kerry	1,005	1,532	2,418	955
All Other Day cases	4	10	344	366
Chemotherapy (Day case)	21	1	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	128	54	25	22
GI Scope (Day case)	163	71	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	177	368	358	183
Return Outpatient Appointments	512	1,028	1,691	384
HSE West and North West	21,480	20,125	22,263	4,081
Galway University Hospitals	11,473	6,163	6,882	1,351
All Other Day cases	2,097	2,728	3,491	698
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	799	521	686	141
GI Scope (Day case)	884	834	891	294
New Outpatient Appointments	2,041	482	462	51
Return Outpatient Appointments	5,652	1,598	1,352	167
Letterkenny University Hospital	214	4,311	6,216	1,339
All Other Day cases		707	675	25
Chemotherapy (Day case)		0	0	1
Dialysis (Day case)		0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	214	362	208	24
GI Scope (Day case)		303	225	0
New Outpatient Appointments		1,073	1,354	260
Return Outpatient Appointments		1,866	3,754	1,029
Mayo University Hospital	1,182	915	1,297	383
All Other Day cases	243	258	273	70
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	173	211	136	52
GI Scope (Day case)	125	176	142	59
New Outpatient Appointments	305	154	371	61
Return Outpatient Appointments	336	116	375	141
Portlincula University Hospital	1,593	1,590	1,746	289
All Other Day cases	303	311	362	50
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	4	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	141	123	237	24
GI Scope (Day case)	178	109	157	35

New Outpatient Appointments	415	442	452	110
Return Outpatient Appointments	556	601	538	70
Roscommon University Hospital	3,632	2,767	2,528	303
All Other Day cases	827	819	913	57
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	1	2	0
GI Scope (Day case)	503	237	260	36
New Outpatient Appointments	544	475	381	74
Return Outpatient Appointments	1,758	1,235	972	136
Sligo University Hospital	3,386	4,379	3,594	416
All Other Day cases	1,209	1,494	1,079	147
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	216	493	514	43
GI Scope (Day case)	124	527	626	84
New Outpatient Appointments	692	762	596	63
Return Outpatient Appointments	1,145	1,103	779	79
Grand Total	193,883	267,426	281,996	49,155