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Leinster House
Dublin 2

2nd April 2025

PQ 13342/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges, by category and hospital, in tabular form. -Pádraig Rice

Dear Deputy Rice,

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 information requested has been provided in the attached Excel file supplied by the Acute BIU.

The figures are broken down to type:

- A – Home Support Services
- B – patients awaiting residential care support
- C - patients waiting access to rehabilitation services
- D - patients waiting due to complex clinical needs
- E - patients awaiting homelessness, housing support or home adjustments
- F - patients who are DTOC due to legal complexity and or Assisted Decision making Act reasons
- G - patients waiting due to non compliant or non cooperation with the process
- H - patients waiting due to COVID 19 related delays

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

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Please note the number of 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 DTOC weekly report dated 25/03/2025

Please note Children's Health Ireland includes CHI Tallaght, CHI Crumlin and CHI Temple Street

	DTOC Type A - Home support Services	DTOC Type B - patients awaiting residential care support	DTOC Type C - patients waiting access to rehabilita- tion services	DTOC Type D - patients waiting due to complex clinical needs	DTOC Type E - patients awaiting homeles- sness, housing support or home adjustme- nts	DTOC Type F - patients who are DTOC due to legal complexi- ty and or Assisted Decision making Act reasons	DTOC Type G - patients waiting due to non complan- t or non cooperati- on with the process	DTOC Type H - patients waiting due to COVID 19 related delays
as per 27th March 2025								
National Total	42	129	73	61	39	41	20	8
Childrens Health Ireland	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
MRH Mullingar	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0
MRH Portlaoise	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
MRH Tullamore	0	1	0	1	1	4	0	0
Naas General Hospital	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
St. James's Hospital	0	9	1	8	0	4	0	0
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tallaght University Hospital	0	6	0	0	1	3	0	0
HSE Dublin and Midlands	5	20	3	10	3	17	2	0
Beaumont Hospital	0	6	0	3	1	0	0	0
Cavan General Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Connolly Hospital	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	0	6	3	1	1	0	1	0
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	0	0	7	0	1	0	1	0
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
HSE Dublin and North East	1	12	12	5	4	2	3	0
National Rehabilitation Hospital	2	1	0	3	3	0	1	0
St. Columille's Hospital	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	0	6	1	2	2	1	0	0
St. Michael's Hospital	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
St. Vincent's University Hospital	3	3	3	2	3	2	1	0
Tipperary University Hospital	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	0
UH Waterford	2	11	8	0	1	1	0	0
Wexford General Hospital	0	2	3	2	0	1	0	0
HSE Dublin and South East	7	30	18	9	13	5	2	0
Ennis Hospital	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Nenagh Hospital	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
St. John's Hospital Limerick	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
UH Limerick	0	0	0	4	1	0	1	0
HSE Midwest	2	9	1	4	2	2	2	0
Bantry General Hospital	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Cork University Hospital	0	0	5	15	3	0	0	0
Mallow General Hospital	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Mercy University Hospital	1	2	5	4	2	1	3	0
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
UH Kerry	1	7	8	2	0	3	1	0
HSE South West	4	12	18	22	7	4	4	0
Galway University Hospitals	1	19	3	6	3	6	2	0
Letterkenny University Hospital	14	18	10	1	0	0	2	1
Mayo University Hospital	2	1	1	0	2	2	0	0
Portiuncula University Hospital	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Roscommon University Hospital	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0
Sligo University Hospital	4	5	5	4	5	0	3	7
HSE West and North West	23	46	21	11	10	11	7	8