



10th June 2025

Deputy Peadar Tóibín
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2.

PQ 24250/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who received treatment in a private hospital in the state at a cost to the taxpayer in each of the past ten years and to date in 2025

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 Deputy will be aware that the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) purchases care directly from the private system and any data in this regard is held by them.

In 2020, as part of the Government's response to Covid-19 the HSE put in place arrangements with private hospitals to support the public system in providing essential acute hospital service.

In the context of the above I am including a summary table of the activity held centrally through Safety Net Arrangements 1 to 4.

Year	Total Number of Patients Treated
2020	206,000
2021	30,000
2022	20,130
Total	256,130

It should be noted that a patient may have had a diagnostic scan and in a separate episode this same patient may have been treated as an inpatient or day case patient. As these are two separate episodes of care, both will be counted in the total.



In 2022 the HSE put in place a system to leverage capacity in private hospitals, in order to reduce waiting times for patients on public waiting lists. This includes access to private medical beds.

In the context of above, I am including a summary table of activity held centrally.

Procedures

Year	Total number of Patients Treated
2022	264
2023	2,620
2024	10,178
2025 up to 14 th of May)	2,994
Total	11,403

Medical Beds

Year	Total number of Patients Treated
2024	5,792
2025 (up to 14 th May)	1,995
Total	7,787

The information provided to the Deputy relates to the Agreements outlined above however it is recognised that individual hospitals may have specific local arrangements in place with private entities for service provision for which detailed information is not available centrally.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

**Sheila McGuinness,
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