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PQ 52614/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care for the first nine months of each year 2023 to 2025, by each location, in tabular form; the number of delayed discharges and the number as a percentage of all discharges; and the number of bed days lost and the number as a percentage of all bed days available for the period. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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:

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- BIU Acute cannot provide the number as a percentage of all bed days available we are currently validating bed days available data with some hospitals so the data would not be reliable for all.
- The Number of DTOC patients for each month 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.
- Children's Health Ireland includes CHI Tallaght, CHI Crumlin and CHI Temple Street.
- Bed Days Lost: refers to No. of acute bed days lost through delayed transfers of care.
- No refers to no of beds subject to delayed transfers of care.
- Avg. No: refers to average no. of beds subject to delayed transfers of care
- September 2025 data is not available until end of October

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Nessa Lynch General Manager Access and Integration

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

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	BDL	No	BDL	No	BDL	No	BDL	No	BDL	No	BDL	No	BDL	No	BDL	No	BDL	No	
National	17,015	579	15,487	596	18.086	604	16.627	575	16.383	496	14.064	484	15,165	510	14.815	501	14,988	514	
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	3,941	133	3.677	146	4.378	127	3.619	120	3,429	110	3.397	113	358	12	307	9	300	10	
Children's Health Ireland	161	6	144	5	162	6	164	6	183	6	233	9	3.590	120	3.869	126	3.681	124	
MRH Portlaoise	237	6	208	7	226	5	242	11	235	6	156	5	191	6	240	7	173	6	
MRH Tullamore	150	5	130	4	148	6	173	7	174	4	135	6	195	6	146	5	161	4	
Naas General Hospital	409	14	370	14	392	11	312	10	268	11	349	0	355	12	354	12	387	15	
Naas General Hospital St. James's Hospital	1.834	64	1.721	71	2.237	66	1.720	59	1.666	51	1.664	60	1.788	59	1.926	65	1.814	64	
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	1,034	0	29	1	22	00	8	0	0	0	22	4	60	1	21	00	0	04	
Fallaght University Hospital	1,302	44	1.219	49	1.353	39	1.164	33	1.086	38	1.071	32	1.001	36	1.182	37	1.146	35	
reland East Hospital Group	4,971	169	4,164	153	4,320	157	4,165	156	4,274	126	3,575	129	4,195	136	3,612	121	3,328	114	
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	1,243	49	1,177	45	1,358	57	1,360	55	1,420	40	1,135	38	1,244	36	602	18	443	16	
MRH Mullingar	17	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	0	31	2	30	1	
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	138	2	77	4	56	1	46	0	11	1	43	0	0	0	32	2	55	2	
National Rehabilitation Hospital	570	18	535	18	579	15	440	13	360	9	401	14	411	12	432	15	430	14	
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	261	4	132	4	115	2	65	2	83	1	39	2	64	1	66	3	100	3	
St. Columcille's Hospital	67	3	89	5	165	5	121	5	162	5	122	4	218	7	158	5	112	4	
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	333	11	262	10	313	12	338	9	362	11	229	10	275	9	202	8	243	10	
St. Michael's Hospital	574	22	555	13	337	10	410	16	396	11	328	11	480	18	487	12	328	12	
t. Vincent's University Hospital	1,465	50	1,120	47	1,332	51	1,222	47	1,308	42	1,156	39	1,341	47	1,444	49	1,389	46	
Vexford General Hospital	303	8	205	7	65	4	163	9	172	6	118	11	157	6	158	7	198	6	
RCSI Hospitals Group	1,990	55	1,282	54	1,732	66	2,125	75	2,058	54	1,051	27	761	26	836	28	604	23	
Beaumont Hospital	673	21	356	12	430	24	704	29	692	17	578	16	475	16	498	16	315	10	
Cavan General Hospital	105	5	67	6	87	2	126	0	89	2	95	2	40	2	86	3	71	3	
Connolly Hospital	220	8	208	7	268	12	409	14	323	8	210	6	181	6	213	8	176	8	
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	992	21	651	29	947	28	886	32	954	27	168	3	65	2	39	1	42	2	
Saolta University Health Care Group	2.087	63	1,876	66	2.546	78	2.466	85	2,249	66	2.033	71	2.092	69	2.194	75	2,672	94	
Galway University Hospitals	517	19	603	24	1.050	27	834	32	879	24	697	23	670	20	634	25	859	31	
etterkenny University Hospital	593	18	352	16	540	25	592	17	406	19	556	21	556	15	550	23	760	21	
Mayo University Hospital	326	8	317	10	340	12	353	13	387	7	340	11	310	14	374	9	316	13	
Portiuncula University Hospital	215	5	195	6	185	5	170	6	138	3	102	4	138	4	204	8	209	10	
Roscommon University Hospital	68	2	148	2	109	3	181	4	100	3	101	3	92	5	89	3	126	6	
Sligo University Hospital	368	11	261	8	322	6	336	13	339	10	237	q	326	11	343	7	402	13	
South/South West Hospital Group	3,164	118	3.643	136	4.216	150	3,577	109	3,520	111	3,143	113	3,558	128	3,431	125	3.895	129	
Bantry General Hospital	109	5	148	3	110	3	103	5	99	5	138	7	215	6	183	8	243		
Cork University Hospital	1.060	47	1.355	53	1.680	69	1.629	41	1.359	46	1.285	43	1.352	53	1.381	47	1.542	58	
Aallow General Hospital	1,000	0	28	0	1,000	0	0	41	0	0	2	43	22	00	10	4/	9	00	
Mercy University Hospital	524	21	536	16	617	22	591	17	702	23	623	17	543	17	501	20	654	15	
	89	21	89	5	146	4	130	3	113	3	89	17	30	4	75	20	70	10	
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	172	6	212	7	151	11		7	113		183	0	227	1.	153		245	1	
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IH Kerry		14	386	16		15		16		10	418	20	604		606	24		16	
JH Waterford	697	23	889	36	944	26	539	20	567	19	405	16	565	19	522	17	546	27	
JL Hospitals Group	701	35	701	36	732	20	511	24	670	23	632	22	611	19	566	17	508	20	
nnis Hospital	72	5	28	1	122	3	24	2	76	2	71	2	126	4	125	3	49	1	
lenagh Hospital	102	3	92	3	84	3	90	1	115	4	135	5	96	3	75	4	59	3	
St. John's Hospital Limerick	72	2	61	1	83	4	41	1	102	1	107	3	95	2	75	2	79	6	
JH Limerick	455	25	520	31	443	10	356	20	377	16	319	12	294	10	291	8	321	10	

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National	11,462	376	10,755	402	12,564	411	11,652	385	11,928	414	11,505	402	12,854	414	12,435	431	11,923	412
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	1,998	51	1,761	73	2,354	66	2,131	66	2,223	76	2,109	67	185	6	233	10	249	8
Children's Health Ireland	269	6	233	10	276	10	344	11	272	8	205	6	2.356	72	2.017	63	1.802	55
MRH Portlaoise	179	4	130	4	114	4	177	6	240	8	155	5	213	7	204	7	231	5
MRH Tullamore	111	5	132	4	121	6	171	6	174	6	177	7	175	9	253	7	218	7
Naas General Hospital	215	5	252	12	440	14	391	18	418	12	245	9	290	9	296	12	323	12
St. James's Hospital	886	19	759	35	1.135	27	933	21	947	35	1.106	34	1.214	31	777	21	637	18
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	85	3	70	3	45	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Tallaght University Hospital	522	15	418	15	499	14	458	15	444	15	426	12	458	16	487	16	393	13
Ireland East Hospital Group	2.359	81	2.116	79	2.444	89	2.254	79	2.267	81	2.074	69	2.392	70	2.011	75	2.086	75
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	507	20	455	17	370	17	489	11	454	14	416	15	517	11	359	21	489	16
MRH Mullingar	0	0	34	1	29	0	25	2	30	1	6	0	33	0	30	1	64	1
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	13	0	5	0	31	1	47	3	33	1	60	3	37	2	35	0	0	0
National Rehabilitation Hospital	428	14	391	12	463	15	334	10	306	9	227	6	268	7	167	5	291	11
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	16	0	25	2	68	2	50	0	15	3	25	1	58	2	15	0	17	3
St. Columcille's Hospital	276	11	165	7	121	4	106	6	98	3	85	2	130	4	114	4	130	5
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	197	6	226	7	301	9	336	11	323	7	269	11	315	9	296	7	305	12
St. Michael's Hospital	179	7	128	6	154	7	103	4	119	3	116	4	129	5	100	3	99	4
St. Vincent's University Hospital	544	15	480	21	638	27	552	21	586	29	648	19	609	21	693	27	498	16
Wexford General Hospital	199	8	207	6	269	7	212	11	303	11	222	8	296	9	202	7	193	7
RCSI Hospitals Group	751	29	638	20	737	26	651	21	553	19	514	17	833	24	772	26	696	29
Beaumont Hospital	462	19	397	10	421	15	411	14	407	12	311	11	554	15	527	18	457	19
Cavan General Hospital	42	3	41	1	69	3	52	1	13	0	13	1	7	0	18	1	19	1
Connolly Hospital	224	6	178	8	216	7	179	6	119	6	160	4	228	8	212	7	209	9
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	23	1	22	1	31	1	9	0	14	1	30	1	44	1	15	0	11	0
Saolta University Health Care Group	2.504	88	2.593	103	3.194	104	2.764	107	3.140	109	2.878	105	3.270	113	3.487	122	2.980	108
Galway University Hospitals	806	28	1.003	38	1.142	34	890	39	973	34	980	39	1.163	44	1.210	35	1.098	42
Letterkenny University Hospital	588	18	453	19	713	25	646	25	819	28	810	35	833	23	967	39	791	25
Mayo University Hospital	209	14	302	14	316	8	264	9	325	10	157	4	237	9	203	10	242	7
Portiuncula University Hospital	121	2	109	3	120	5	158	4	163	5	126	4	69	2	130	6	68	3
Roscommon University Hospital	135	2	106	4	186	4	130	5	161	5	146	4	142	5	105	3	91	4
Sligo University Hospital	645	24	620	25	717	28	676	25	699	27	659	19	826	30	872	29	690	27
South/South West Hospital Group	3.078	103	2.848	96	3.010	99	2.920	81	2.921	107	3.118	114	3.105	108	3.238	113	3.281	109
Bantry General Hospital	217	6	202	6	213	6	210	5	87	2	151	7	240	9	295	10	255	7
Cork University Hospital	984	34	880	31	1.013	27	951	26	1.009	35	1.030	44	1.133	35	1.150	44	1.049	35
Mallow General Hospital	0	0	28	1	31	1	45	1	123	3	170	6	114	2	65	2	175	9
Mercy University Hospital	380	12	313	11	348	10	217	7	275	11	285	13	300	16	252	7	291	10
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	99	1	85	4	152	4	121	4	139	5	115	3	77	3	60	1	52	1
Tipperary University Hospital	345	11	312	8	305	13	334	10	351	16	339	10	396	13	354	14	411	10
UH Kerry	544	20	592	21	527	22	590	18	582	21	594	16	458	20	600	25	688	27
UH Waterford	509	19	436	14	421	16	452	10	355	14	434	15	387	10	462	10	360	10
UL Hospitals Group	503	18	566	21	549	17	588	20	552	14	607	24	713	21	677	22	829	28
Ennis Hospital	29	0	134	6	81	2	109	5	87	2	72	1	176	5	145	2	146	4
Nenagh Hospital	29	0	21	1	54	2	64	3	66	2	90	3	73	1	23	2	74	2
St. John's Hospital Limerick	88	5	103	4	89	3	127	3	97	2	39	2	85	3	84	3	123	4
UH Limerick	357	13	308	10	325	10	288	0	302	8	406	18	379	12	425	15	486	18

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National	11,780	390	11,545	424	12,753	421	11,616	396	12,227	404	11,340	386	12,359	408	12,184	405
HSE Dublin & Midlands	1,904	61	1,692	62	1,971	63	1,688	57	1,929	62	1,773	60	2,107	70	1,956	65
Children's Health Ireland	117	4	163	6	173	6	135	5	213	7	245	8	318	10	204	6
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Naas General Hospital	341	11	151	5	196	6	192	7	266	8	245	9	303	10	252	8
St. James's Hospital	570	19	641	24	719	23	637	22	645	21	596	20	505	17	551	18
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	30	1	9	0	0	
Tallaght University Hospital	429	14	240	9	298	10	304	9	287	9	209	7	457	16	448	15
HSE Dublin & North East	1,595	51	1,449	55	1,432	49	1,136	40	1,346	48	1,286	44	1,240	42	1,313	46
Beaumont Hospital	433	15	375	14	488	15	330	12	523	19	467	15	302	11	428	15
Cavan General Hospital	62	2	20	1	0	0	0	0	0		37	1	61	2	41	1
Connolly Hospital	156	5	119	5	178	6	208	7	174	6	163	5	227	7	191	6
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	512	17	449	18	358	14	409	14	392	14	349	12	431	14	409	14
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Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	348	10	399	14	312	11	181	7	251	9	270	10	181	7	222	8
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	54	2	81	2	65	2	6	0	6	0	0		0		0	
HSE Dublin & South East	2.235	77	2.176	81	2.611	87	2.406	81	2.308	77	2.176	75	2.487	83	2.520	86
National Rehabilitation Hospital	332	10	210	7	236	7	310	9	356	11	336	11	358	11	330	11
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HSE Mid West	555	18	579	19	715	23	687	23	606	19	588	20	515	17	592	18
Ennis Hospital	60	2	159	4	187	6	157	5	163	5	133	4	140	4	147	5
Nenagh Hospital	96	3	96	4	115	4	127	4	117	4	99	3	43	1	35	1
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UH Limerick	153	5	151	5	178	6	215	7	172	5	130	4	142	5	190	5
HSE South West	2.297	76	2.140	78	2.238	73	2.038	69	2,121	69	1.949	66	2.073	67	2.085	69
Bantry General Hospital	107	4	100	4	98	3	98	3	210	7	222	7	146	5	194	6
Cork University Hospital	985	32	848	30	700	23	646	22	622	20	567	19	581	19	725	24
Mallow General Hospital	56	1	74	3	161	5	86	3	81	2	108	3	86	2	114	4
Mercy University Hospital	520	17	427	15	568	18	576	19	516	17	526	18	529	17	373	12
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	80	3	78	3	43	1	47	2	46	2	23	1	63	2	36	1
UH Kerry	549	19	613	23	668	22	585	20	646	21	503	18	668	22	643	21
HSE West & North West	3.194	107	3.509	129	3.786	127	3.661	125	3.917	130	3.568	121	3.937	130	3.718	122
Galway University Hospitals	1.161	38	1.149	43	1.184	40	1.283	43	1,334	44	1.327	46	1.581	52	1,431	47
Letterkenny University Hospital	590	19	896	32	1.037	34	1,203	41	1,190	39	990	33	1.029	33	964	31
Mayo University Hospital	414	14	346	12	316	10	193	7	333	11	347	12	368	12	391	13
Portiuncula University Hospital	115	4	150	6	144	5	114	4	142	5	121	4	163	5	125	4
Roscommon University Hospital	77	3	197	7	257	8	165	6	214	7	68	2	81	3	103	3
Sligo University Hospital	837	29	771	29	848	30	703	25	704	24	715	24	715	24	704	24