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Re: **PQ ref 52617/25**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients at HSE facilities for the first nine months of each year 2023 to 2025, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to HSE National Quality and Patient Safety, Incident Management for response. I can provide incident data recorded on the National Incident Management System. Incident reporting generally is impacted by a number of factors and is not intended as a data collection point but primarily aids as a system that helps incident management and learning from such events. Please be advised that there are data limitations which include potential duplication of incidents, variance in reporting and data validation, etc. Please note the NIMS Data Quality Statement published and available [here](#)

The data below was extracted on 07/10/2025. It includes only statutory services (including hospitals) and it does not include near miss incidents. The majority of incidents had no harm or low level harm reported. Please be advised that in some instances the reported event has been recorded as an 'allegation' and we cannot confirm at this time if the event occurred. The definition of Incidents in the HSE is described in the **Incident Management Framework 2020** (page 41), which can be accessed on our website [here](#)

Count of Record Number	Column Labels				
Row Labels	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total	
Qtr1	743	686	545	1974	
Qtr2	765	732	589	2086	
Qtr3	856	542	542	1940	
Grand Total	2364	1960	1676	6000	

I trust this clarifies the matter but please do contact me if you require any further information.



Cáilíocht Náisiúnta agus Sábháilteacht Othar

Oifig an Phríomhoifigigh Cliniciúil

National Quality and Patient Safety

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Yours sincerely

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