



13th October 2025

Mr. Peadar Tóibín

Ref: PQ 53260/25

To ask the Minister for Health the dates/occasions upon which each hospital in the country entered surge escalation, over the past twelve months; and the number of patients in surge beds during each of those occasions, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Mr. Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Please find enclosed at Appendix 1 the data as per your request. Please note that this data is not validated and is self-reported data uploaded daily on the TrolleyGAR system.

Surge Capacity in use is defined as follows:

'An appropriate bed space' in the context of what should be categorised as surge beds is defined as follows:

A designated bed space must have:

- A bed / High Spec Trolley;
- Curtains;
- Access to bathroom facilities;
- Access to O2 and suction facilities;
- Named consultant and nursing team assigned
- Patient is on a documented pathway of care

Surge beds can be created in many areas subject to meeting the criteria of 'an appropriate bed space' e.g. at ward level, in the Day Ward, in treatment rooms etc.

- Surge beds are inpatient beds and treated as such as they are occupied by admitted inpatients. Therefore, are not included in TrolleyGAR figures

Additionally, Urgent and Emergency Care data is published daily on the HSE website and can be accessed via the following link: <https://www2.hse.ie/services/urgent-emergency-care-report/>

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Tara Shortt
General Manager
Performance, HSE Planning and Performance

Hospital Name	2024						2025																		Total Number of Days in Surge	Total Surge in use
	October		November		December		January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September			
	Num Days in Surge	Total Surge in use	Num Days in Surge	Total Surge in use	Num Days in Surge	Total Surge in use	Num Days in Surge	Total Surge in use	Num Days in Surge	Total Surge in use	Num Days in Surge	Total Surge in use	Num Days in Surge	Total Surge in use	Num Days in Surge	Total Surge in use	Num Days in Surge	Total Surge in use	Num Days in Surge	Total Surge in use	Num Days in Surge	Total Surge in use				
Beaumont Hospital	19	157	25	220	17	182	25	511	26	524	25	432	22	260	22	163	22	265	14	114	23	433	23	344	263	3605
Cavan General Hospital	29	185	30	234	29	293	31	359	28	287	30	137	27	144	30	198	30	169	31	183	31	309	30	297	356	2795
Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin	-	-	2	5	5	26	1	1	-	-	2	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	11	42
Children's Health Ireland at Tallaght	-	-	3	4	12	28	4	4	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	39
Children's Health Ireland at Temple Street	-	-	3	8	17	114	6	22	4	7	6	9	2	3	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	41	168
Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown	3	9	3	9	3	4	8	39	3	30	6	31	2	9	-	-	3	11	6	32	7	38	4	28	48	240
Cork University Hospital	29	645	30	645	28	570	31	829	28	683	29	495	28	411	28	488	28	334	30	649	25	598	30	644	344	6991
Galway University Hospital	31	617	30	680	31	564	31	905	27	770	30	635	29	590	31	640	30	745	31	767	30	761	30	1078	361	8752
Letterkenney University Hospital	18	121	24	216	20	148	30	313	24	219	28	301	28	326	25	215	25	213	27	248	26	294	30	346	305	2560
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	16	140	26	287	26	443	30	880	28	946	25	519	26	481	8	117	19	428	21	283	18	227	18	202	261	4953
Mayo University Hospital	19	180	18	189	30	344	31	477	27	407	30	327	30	394	31	423	30	342	31	350	31	412	29	307	337	4152
Mercy University Hospital	22	171	30	217	26	207	31	380	28	403	31	476	30	420	30	365	30	413	30	456	29	276	29	384	346	4168
Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar	28	371	30	460	30	574	31	804	28	701	24	405	12	87	11	81	20	188	2	9	-	-	1	2	217	3682
Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise	14	116	22	175	29	348	26	385	28	435	16	198	19	207	16	116	11	66	7	56	13	94	9	73	210	2269
Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore	18	249	24	476	24	410	29	782	28	875	28	634	25	441	24	491	26	484	28	606	17	176	20	272	291	5896
Naas General Hospital	26	271	26	314	24	269	29	387	27	458	27	382	27	239	19	103	19	106	24	135	22	155	26	285	296	3104
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda	31	887	30	778	31	933	31	1272	28	1271	31	929	30	878	31	878	30	938	31	835	31	860	30	860	365	11319
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	26	259	23	163	25	229	28	234	27	313	29	399	23	240	22	157	14	106	13	87	20	130	14	79	264	2396
Portlancule University Hospital	26	136	20	101	4	51	26	441	20	209	7	42	2	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	107	996
Sligo University Hospital	31	370	30	306	30	286	31	417	28	442	31	393	29	304	30	278	27	281	31	381	31	419	30	438	359	4315
St. James's Hospital	20	106	26	370	24	326	28	466	27	480	31	299	30	283	29	203	14	59	5	34	12	102	26	264	272	2992
St. Luke's General Hospital	30	796	28	536	28	498	31	865	27	520	15	113	23	279	25	349	24	317	25	266	26	264	28	375	310	5178
St. Vincent's University Hospital	31	1476	30	1221	31	1211	31	1326	28	1128	31	1127	30	757	31	935	30	660	31	900	31	1085	30	1168	365	12994
Tallaght University Hospital	31	729	30	669	31	642	31	966	28	838	30	854	30	812	31	696	30	655	25	503	24	351	30	467	351	8182
Tipperary University Hospital	12	20	14	30	30	261	31	520	27	481	27	248	29	278	29	376	26	233	26	219	30	344	27	173	308	3183
University Hospital Galway	29	235	30	264	29	265	31	424	28	342	26	254	29	246	27	223	29	240	27	241	22	186	30	286	337	3206
University Hospital Limerick	31	1145	30	1252	31	1171	31	1513	28	1240	31	1081	30	833	31	1057	22	141	28	94	19	50	23	98	335	9675
University Hospital Waterford	16	194	26	187	21	193	23	324	25	324	24	228	18	163	4	23	1	9	13	104	-	-	3	20	174	1769
Wexford General Hospital	31	585	30	799	28	577	31	564	28	574	31	706	30	571	30	528	30	546	31	784	31	657	29	748	360	7639