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Leinster House
Dublin 2

21st October 2025

PQ 56250/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time per accident and emergency department, broken down by hospital in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Pa Daly

Dear Deputy Daly,

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.

PET is the length of time a patient spends in an emergency department from the time they register in an ED until they are discharged to a hospital bed or discharged home. It therefore does not describe the time a patient is waiting to be seen, but the total time they spend in ED.

The purpose of EDs is to deal with serious and unexpected illness and injury. EDs operate 24/7 and often experience high volumes of persons presenting. During busy periods or when a significant emergency / trauma is underway 'wait time' in the ED can be extensive

There are many reasons that result in longer wait times such as volume of patients presenting to the ED and the requirement to prioritise. This can mean that patients with less serious illnesses and conditions may need to wait longer for their treatment. Many people, whose clinical needs could be more appropriately addressed by self-care, pharmacists, GPs, GP Out of Hours Services and Injury Units, continue to attend Emergency Departments.

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

Please see the data notes on the Excel file and outlined below:

Data notes:

- Mater Misericordiae University Hospital resubmitted data from 2019 to April 2025 as they excluded Smithfield Injury Unit data from their ED extract.
- Data relates to average in hours.
- The average time is based on: Registration until PAS Departure time. 2025 YTD = January 2025 – September 2025.
- During COVID-19 CHI Tallaght closed their ED department from close of business on Friday 27th March 2020 reopened on 3rd September 2020.
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I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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



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Regional Health Area	Provider	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
HSE Dublin and Midlands	Children's Health Ireland	3.1	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.4	3.8
	MRH Mullingar	7.0	6.9	7.5	6.9	5.9	5.9
	MRH Portlaoise	4.8	5.5	5.4	5.7	5.3	5.2
	MRH Tullamore	5.3	6.4	7.3	5.2	5.1	5.2
	Naas General Hospital	7.2	9.8	11.3	11.4	10.6	9.8
	St. James's Hospital	5.8	6.7	8.1	8.8	8.3	7.9
	Tallaght University Hospital	8.2	10.3	13.0	12.0	11.3	10.8
HSE Dublin and Midlands Total		5.9	7.2	8.2	7.8	7.3	6.9
HSE Dublin and North East	Beaumont Hospital	7.1	7.8	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2
	Cavan General Hospital	5.9	7.0	6.9	7.1	7.8	7.7
	Connolly Hospital	6.4	5.9	7.6	7.4	7.6	6.7
	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	6.7	6.0	7.9	9.1	8.9	8.1
	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	5.5	7.0	7.5	8.0	9.4	9.1
	Our Lady's Hospital Navan	4.5	5.3	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.9
HSE Dublin and North East Total		6.0	6.5	7.5	7.8	8.3	8.0
HSE Dublin and South East	St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	2.5	3.6	3.7	4.3	4.0	3.7
	St. Michael's Hospital	2.8	2.9	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.6
	St. Vincent's University Hospital	5.4	5.9	9.8	9.2	9.0	8.2
	Tipperary University Hospital	4.4	5.4	5.9	5.5	5.3	5.3
	UH Waterford	4.9	5.4	5.3	4.9	4.5	4.4
	Wexford General Hospital	4.7	5.1	6.3	4.5	5.5	5.7
HSE Dublin and South East Total		4.1	4.7	5.7	5.3	5.3	5.1
HSE Midwest	UH Limerick	6.3	7.4	9.7	8.7	8.2	8.4
HSE Midwest Total		6.3	7.4	9.7	8.7	8.2	8.4
HSE South West	Cork University Hospital	7.5	8.8	10.8	10.2	8.8	8.6
	Mercy University Hospital	7.0	8.1	11.1	9.2	8.1	7.6
	UH Kerry	8.0	8.8	9.6	9.1	8.6	7.8
HSE South West Total		7.5	8.6	10.5	9.5	8.5	8.0
HSE West and North West	Galway University Hospitals	7.2	8.1	10.1	8.8	8.0	8.3
	Letterkenny University Hospital	3.8	5.6	6.7	7.9	7.3	7.7
	Mayo University Hospital	4.3	5.6	7.0	6.2	6.2	6.3
	Portiuncula University Hospital	4.7	5.5	5.3	5.8	6.6	5.9
	Sligo University Hospital	6.4	8.0	9.7	9.6	8.4	7.3
HSE West and North West Total		5.3	6.5	7.8	7.7	7.3	7.1
Grand Total		5.6	6.6	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.0

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