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21st October 2025

Mr. Matt Carthy T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 48827/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that presented to the emergency department of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda either by ambulance, through GP referral or self-presentation who subsequently left the emergency department before their treatment was completed, by method of presentation, in each month inclusive since January 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”*

Parliamentary Question 48828/25 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that presented to the emergency department of Cavan Hospital, by ambulance, through GP referral or self-presentation who subsequently left the emergency department before their treatment was completed, by method of presentation, in each month inclusive since January 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.*

-Matt Carth

Dear Deputy Carthy,

HSE Dublin and North East 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Please see attached data regarding ‘did not wait’ in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda Emergency Department and Cavan General Hospital per transport mode.

To note, ‘did not wait’ data is published monthly on the HSE website:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Row Labels	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
General Practitioner Referral						
Ambulance	3	9	5	6	12	3
Garda	1		1	1	2	
Helicopter					1	
Private Accompanied	18	84				
Private Own	32	140				
Private Transport		54	286	235	475	290
Public Transport						1
Self Referral						
Ambulance	28	139	193	213	302	196
Garda		1	4	2	6	1
Private Accompanied	39	294				
Private Own	47	321				
Private Transport		154	946	823	1180	785
Public Transport			2	3		1
Undertaker			1			
Total	168	1196	1438	1283	1978	1277

* Jan to Sept

Row Labels	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
General Practitioner Referral						
Ambulance	7	44	63	67	74	52
Garda		3	15	9	9	7
Private Accompanied	113	763				
Private Own	67	475				
Private Transport		323	1942	1500	1968	1212
Public Transport	3	28	25	16	18	8
Self Referral						
Ambulance	185	1089	1360	1467	1750	1255
Garda	1	10	15	11	9	3
Private Accompanied	261	1718				
Private Own	149	833				
Private Transport		744	4556	3805	4372	2832
Public Transport	13	57	48	45	40	24
Undertaker		1				1
Total	799	6088	8024	6920	8240	5394

* Jan to Sept