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Ms. Joanna Byrne T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 50368/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the number of assaults reported/recorded against staff at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, for each quarter for each of the years 2023 to 2025, inclusive; the number of these reported/recorded assaults that were investigated; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”*

Parliamentary Question 50367/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of assaults reported/recorded against patients at Our Lady Of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, for each quarter for each of the years 2023 to 2025, inclusive, in tabular form; the number of these reported/recorded assaults that were investigated; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy Byrne,

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

Please see below tables outlining the information requested:

Direct Physical Assaults (staff) - By Quarter

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2023	12	33	9	15
2024	6	6	8	13
2025	26	33	12	—

The number of reported direct physical assaults on patients for the years requested is fewer than five. In line with data protection and confidentiality standards, we cannot disclose or publish figures below this threshold to protect the privacy of individuals concerned.

All reports are subject to review and investigation in line with established hospital policies and procedures.



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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