

17th October, 2025.

Deputy Paul Lawless T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St.,
Dublin 2.

RE: PQ 51391/25 – To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of activity-based funding allocations to each hospital in the Saolta Hospital Group for each of the past five years, including the metrics used to determine funding levels.

Dear Deputy Lawless,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Budget Period	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Benchmarking Referencing Period Data	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
HSE West & North West - 5 ABF Hospitals	€	€	€	€	€
ABF Profit / Loss post Transition adj	2,550,422	<i>no benchmark - covid</i>	<i>no benchmark - covid</i>	1,705,209	4,438,609
Galway University Hospitals					
ABF Profit / Loss post Transition adj	1,039,663	<i>no benchmark - covid</i>	<i>no benchmark - covid</i>	(887,554)	2,521,238
Letterkenny University Hospital					
ABF Profit / Loss post Transition adj	807,838	<i>no benchmark - covid</i>	<i>no benchmark - covid</i>	2,820,887	2,491,139
Mayo University Hospital					
ABF Profit / Loss post Transition adj	1,202,925	<i>no benchmark - covid</i>	<i>no benchmark - covid</i>	1,800,261	2,296,231
Portiuncula University Hospital					
ABF Profit / Loss post Transition adj	(366,185)	<i>no benchmark - covid</i>	<i>no benchmark - covid</i>	(1,249,258)	(1,605,210)
Sligo University Hospital					
ABF Profit / Loss post Transition adj	(133,818)	<i>no benchmark - covid</i>	<i>no benchmark - covid</i>	(779,128)	(1,264,789)

The funding allocations to each hospital was as per the above table. Please note that the 2022 and 2023 allocations matched the 2021 allocation due to the inability to collect data during the Covid-19. The reference period for Budget Allocation is based on data collected in a period two years previously.



The metrics used to determine the ABF budget allocation are as follows:

- Cost of admitted Care from the Reference Period
- Financial Value of admitted care which is determined from the level of Care provided x the Price of each procedure. This price per procedure is determined by the National Pricing Office for all Hospitals.
- As we move towards the ABF Model of Allocation of Budgets there is a transition adjustment to the calculated Budget Adjustment each year.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Liam Fogarty,
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