

Hospital activity update - March 2023

Date range: December 2021 to November 2022, rolling 12-month period.

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The tables below outline the number of patients seen and treated under various categories of care in the past 12 months and also the number of patients seen and treated in the last full year before the COVID-19 pandemic started in 2020 and the cyberattack on the HSE in 2021 which caused significant disruption to health services.

Outpatient Activity

	December 2021 – November 2022	January to December 2019
New patients	940,727	892,745
Return patients	2,465,667	2,462,174
TOTAL	3,406,394	3,354,919
Note: <i>New patients</i> are people who are coming to their first appointment in an outpatient clinic. Some patients may need to return to the clinic for follow-up care or as part of a course of treatment or to support ongoing chronic care needs these patients are counted as <i>return patients</i> . Outpatient appointments are planned according to how urgently the patient needs to be seen and this is based on information from the doctor who makes the referral to the outpatient clinic.		

Day Case Activity

	December 2021 – November 2022	January to December 2019
Day case patients	590,691	602,819
Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy patients	224,330	220,989
Dialysis patients	189,092	177,341
Number of GI scopes	103,213	107,069
TOTAL	1,107,326	1,108,218
Note: Daycase attendances and treatment as outlined above is provided across a range of areas including Chemotherapy, Dialysis and GI scopes. Similar to outpatients, daycase episodes can be for new patients or for patients returning for follow on treatment after an initial episode of care.		

Inpatient Activity

	December 2021 – November 2022	January to December 2019
Emergency	433,714	439,088
Planned	76,903	89,904
Maternity	98,625	107,738
TOTAL	609,242	636,730
Note: Inpatient stays relate to emergency, planned and maternity care. The majority inpatient stays are as a result of emergency care requirements. Maternity includes all obstetric care.		

Emergency Care

	December 2021 – November 2022	January to December 2019
New ED patients	1,337,277	1,251,506
Return ED patients	110,528	111,252
Injury Unit patients	143,204	99,222
Other emergency care	48,285	44,456
TOTAL	1,639,294	1,506,436
Note: Other emergency care includes patients who are seen on an emergency basis outside of an Emergency Department for example, at a Surgical Assessment Unit		

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Information is subject to change as more recent information becomes available.