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***PQ 14480/24 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges at the end of March 2024 for each public/voluntary hospital; and the total number to date in 2024, in tabular form. -Jim O'Callaghan***

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

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.

Apologies for the delay in relation to the return of this response. There were data anomalies to be rectified by the data collectors. The matter has now been rectified.

Business Information within the HSE comprises of a central repository for activity information for Acute and Non Acute Services. This is known as the Business Information Unit (BIU). Extensive amounts of data are collected, collated and validated.

This data is used in performance monitoring and measurement which influences the HSE in taking both operational and strategic decisions.

The information requested has been provided in the attached Excel file supplied by the Acute BIU, please see the explanatory information on the Excel file and outlined below.

**Data Notes:**

Please note the Number of DTOC patients as per the column for March relates to a representation at the point fixed in time when the data is extracted by the BIU.

Please note Children's Health Ireland includes data from the three sites; CHI Tallaght, CHI Crumlin and CHI Temple Street.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

**Nessa Lynch**  
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