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***PQ 14481/24 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost owing to delayed discharges to date in 2024 for each public/voluntary hospital, 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.

The number of Delayed Transfer of Care (DTOC) Bed Days Lost provided is the total of the three months of data in each quarter and the data heading is named accordingly. In a previous response, the data headings were named per month and the data under each heading related to the month in question and not a full quarter as had been requested. The data collection and presentation has now been revised. We would like to apologise for any confusion that the previous response may have caused.

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:**

The number of Delayed Transfer of Care (DTOC) 'Bed Days Lost' data relates to quarterly data i.e. the 'Bed Days Lost Year to Date' relates to Q1. The 'Bed Days Lost' figure is a cumulative number based on the bed days lost due to a delayed transfer of care for that time period.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nessa Lynch', written over a horizontal line.

**Nessa Lynch**

**General Manager**

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