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PQ 15420/24 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care for each quarter for each year 2019-2024, inclusive, at each location, in tabular form; the number of delayed discharges and the number as a percentage of all discharges; the number of bed days lost and the number as a percentage of all bed days available for the period. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 (DTC) 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 making both operational and strategic decisions.

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

Data Notes

The number of Delayed Transfer of Care (DTC) 'Bed Days Lost' data relates to quarterly data i.e. January to March relates to Q1, and the following quarters respectively. 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 three sites; CHI Tallaght, CHI Crumlin, and CHI Temple Street. In 2022 the National Rehab Hospital was included in the Ireland East Hospital Group.



Please note the Number of DTOC patients as per the columns for March, June, September and December for each year relates to a representation at the point fixed in time when the data is extracted by the BIU.

In June, July, August 2021 there was no data due to cyber attack and the BIU are not in a position to retrospectively backdate.

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
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