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PQs 16200 – 16205

***To ask the Minister for Health how many operations have been cancelled in Nenagh Hospital on a weekly basis since 1 January 2024, in tabular form. -Alan Kelly**

*** To ask the Minister for Health how many operations have been cancelled in Ennis Hospital on a weekly basis since 1 January 2024, in tabular form. -Alan Kelly**

***To ask the Minister for Health how many operations have been cancelled in St. Johns Hospital on a weekly basis since 1 January 2024, in tabular form. -Alan Kelly**

***To ask the Minister for Health how many operations have been cancelled in UHL on a weekly basis since 1 January 2024, in tabular form. -Alan Kelly**

***To ask the Minister for Health how many operations have been cancelled in Croom Hospital on a weekly basis since 1 January 2024, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Alan Kelly**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

Reductions in scheduled care early in the new year have been a feature of our winter plan to allow us manage surges in medical patients associated with winter viruses and illness. Accordingly, there was no elective activity scheduled in our hospitals during the first two weeks of January.

There have been some additional deferrals of scheduled elective activity since the beginning of the year. This measure is taken when UHL is at its highest state of escalation in order to create surge capacity to care for medically unwell patients.

Postponement of scheduled elective activity is a decision of last resort that no hospital wishes to make, and UL Hospitals Group regrets the impact that these deferrals have on our patients. Affected patients are contacted by our staff and rescheduled at the earliest opportunity possible.


Decisions to defer scheduled activity are not made lightly, especially in the cases of patients who have already faced long waits for treatment. We apologise to affected patients for any distress or inconvenience caused.

Please see below the number of procedures that have been deferred by hospital site up to the 01st April 2024:

Week Commencing	University Hospital Limerick	St John's Hospital	Nenagh Hospital	Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	Ennis Hospital	Total
15.01.2024	45	0	10	9	0	64
22.01.2024	4	51	24	0	10	89
29.01.2024	36	18	47	0	0	101
05.02.2024	30	4	15	8	0	57
12.02.2024	37	17	0	1	0	55
19.02.2024	27	15	0	7	4	53
26.02.2024	12	0	19	0	0	31
04.03.2024	27	21	18	10	13	89
11.03.2024	10	5	0	1	0	16
18.03.2024	11	18	10	0	0	39
25.03.2024	23	13	17	8	0	61
01.04.2024	17	6	16	4	10	53
Total	279	168	176	48	37	708

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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