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***PQ 18889/24 – To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the total number of cases of spiking that have occurred between 2022, 2023 and 2024, including Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Johnny Mythen***

Dear Deputy Mythen,

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.

HIPE is a health information system, managed by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) of HSE Finance and is designed to collect clinical and administrative data on discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. HIPE discharges are clinically coded from charts in the hospitals, this includes translating medical terminology into alpha-numeric code and using the entire chart to extract the conditions and procedures to create an adequate picture of the patient's health care encounter.

HIPE colleagues advised that the requested data is not collected.

HIPE does not collect data from ED only cases, non-acute care and out-patient clinics. HIPE collects data on patients who attended ED and were subsequently admitted to hospital.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

**Nessa Lynch**  
**General Manager**  
**Acute Operations**