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Deputy Colm Burke
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PQ 9458/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of bariatric surgeries carried out across Irish hospitals from 2019 to 2023, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Burke,

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.

The HIPE system is not an operational database, it is not updated nationally at the HPO on a real-time or daily basis and is also not considered final until it is closed in the following year.

Currently the data for 2023 is not fully coded, and therefore has not been provided.

Please see the included Excel file: Total discharges from acute public hospitals reported to HIPE with any procedure '*Procedures for obesity*', by year, 2019-2022.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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