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Mr. Dessie Ellis. T.D,  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question 4162/24** “To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient hospital cancellations and the procedures cancelled from 2022 to date for the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh, in tabular form.”

**Re: Parliamentary Question 4164/24** “To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient appointments before cancellations at the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh, in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Ellis,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Please see attached HSE National data regarding Hospital cancellations and HSE information regarding this data as follows:

- The number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for January of each year 2022-2024, inclusive by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form.
- The number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for each quarter for each year 2022-2024 (to date), inclusive by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form.

HSE information regarding this date:

*Hospitals and Hospital Groups working with the HSE worked in 2022 to develop a process for the collection and collation of data on scheduled care cancellations. Data collection commenced in February 2022 and over the subsequent months became streamlined and now forms as part of a process that is in place for weekly collection of data associated with Hospital initiated cancellations. Data collected is subject to ongoing validation and has been impacted by recent industrial action.*

*As the data collection process around cancellations commenced in Q1 2022, it was Q2 2022 before all sites were reporting cancellations and therefore the 12-month period in 2022 would not be reflective of a full year and as such should not be compared with 2023.*

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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