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Deputy Whitmore,
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PQ 57913/23: To ask the Minister for Health how many patients presented at hospital emergency rooms suffering from hyperemesis gravidarum between the period of 1 January 2022 and 1 January 2023 and for the period 1 January 2023 and 1 January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Whitmore,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Data held by the Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) is based on the diagnosis of patients at the point of discharge. National data holders like HIPE, do not record the manner in which patients present e.g. via an Emergency Department or on a planned basis.

Therefore the HSE can only provide the number of discharges with diagnosis of hyperemesis and the individual may be counted more than once.

Unfortunately this data is currently not available due to the current work to rule.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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