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Mr Peadar Tóibín TD
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 41835/24

“To ask the Minister for Health the total costs associated with the cyber attack on the health service in recent years; and the quantity and nature of material which was compromised or leaked during the attack.”

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

Our health service was targeted by a criminal cyber-attack in 2021. The impact of the Incident on services varied depending on several factors including the type of care being offered, the reliance on software applications to record and manage patient data, existing IT infrastructures and local IT support.

The total cyber cost to date is **€102,099,792**, this includes legal costs.

The HSE has written to all of the people affected by the cyber attack. The total number we contacted reduced after we carried out further examination of the data applying tests for identifiable persons and the de-duplication of records. The final number of people we contacted was 90,936 individuals.

A total of 1,445 people requested follow up information under Data Subject Access Requests (DSAR).

As of April 2024, there were a total of 473 legal proceedings issued against the HSE. In addition to this there were 140 pre-action letters issued to the HSE. There are a number of legal cases currently before the Courts of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) relevant to the proceedings issued against the HSE. The HSE expects that the outcome of the CJEU cases will address a number of legal issues in the proceedings against it. For this reason a stay, pending the outcome of the relevant CJEU cases, has been agreed or has been sought in the proceedings against the HSE.



The HSE continues to monitor the internet and in particular the Dark Web and to date has not identified any evidence that any data has been shared or used fraudulently following the cyberattack.

If you feel that the question has not been fully answered or you require any further clarity, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fran Thompson".

Fran Thompson,
Chief Information Officer, Technology and Transformation, HSE.