



04th February 2025

Deputy Cian O'Callaghan,
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2.

PQ 1907/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for each quarter of each year 2022-2024, inclusive, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ1908/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer-related appointments and procedures which were cancelled for each quarter for each year 2022-2024, inclusive, by hospital, for adults and for children, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Response:

The HSE collects and reports information relating to appointments and procedures which did not go ahead at the original planned date. The attached information provided includes data for each quarter of each year 2022-2024, inclusive, by hospital, for adults and for children. However the information does not specifically identify cancer related appointments, the HSE do not collect this information centrally.

Hospitals commenced reporting this data to the BIU over the first half of 2022 and as a result there are data gaps for the earlier part of this year. This means that data from 2022 is not comparable with other years.

Also to note, the data description of *chemotherapy* does not just relate to oncology treatment, chemotherapy drugs and infusions are used to treat other diseases for example, patients with rheumatology, multiple sclerosis and inflammatory bowel disease.

The data source for this information is the 'Weekly Hospital Cancellation of Planned Activity Data'. It is important to emphasise that the term cancellation in this context does not mean that the appointment did not go ahead, rather it did not go ahead on the original planned date and these appointments and procedures are rescheduled often within a short period of the original appointment.

On an ongoing basis, this data is also subject to change for the following reasons:



- Late submissions of data
- Resubmissions of data
- Ongoing quality assurance

Hospitals follow national guidelines on scheduling outpatient, inpatient, day case and planned procedures that require that they reschedule appointments within six weeks of the original appointment date, taking account of the patient's availability to attend.

Additional context:

In 2023 the HSE delivered more than:

- 648,000 inpatient cases
- 1,194,000 day cases
- 3,650,000 outpatient appointments.

For further information on the guidelines that hospitals follow to schedule and reschedule patient appointments, please see links below:

Outpatient waiting list protocol

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/3/acutehospitals/patientcare/protocol-for-the-management-of-outpatient-services-and-guidance-documents/national-outpatient-waiting-list-management-protocol-2022.pdf>

Inpatient, day case and planned procedure waiting list protocol

www.ntpf.ie/home/pdf/National%20Waiting%20List%20Management%20Protocol.pdf

Reasons why hospitals may need to defer planned procedures and appointments include:

- I. Increased ED attendances and admissions resulting in a reduction in availability of bed or theatre capacity for planned procedures.
- II. Unforeseen circumstances including weather events, infection outbreaks or industrial action.
- III. Sick leave or staff shortages.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

Trish King,
Access & Integration

Please note data contained in this report is preliminary and may be subject to change

If information contained within this file is used in other reports then as a minimum requirement BIU must be referenced.



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Data Source: BIU Acute - Weekly Hospital Cancellations of Planned Activity

Subject: PQ 1907/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for each quarter of each year 2022-2024, inclusive, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form;

- Note** All cancellations reported below are hospital initiated cancellations
- Note** The cancellation data does not measure that a procedure or appointment did not go ahead, but rather that the procedure/appointment did not go ahead on the date originally
- Note** St Lukes Radiation Oncology Network (SLRON) data is unavailable.
- Note** Mallow General Hospital and MRH Mullingar data is under validation by the site and as a
- Note** National Rehabilitation Hospital have a data gap for Jan-May 2024. BIU continues to work with National Rehabilitation Hospital with a view to getting retrospective data provided.
- Note** Data reporting for Weekly Cancellations began in February 2022, however not all sites were able to report data from the outset.
- Note** Data below reflects the period 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2024

Hospital Groups / Hospitals	2022				2023				2024			
	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
Children's Health Ireland	233	1,069	11,666	12,296	11,845	11,549	11,209	10,472	11,775	10,735	10,409	10,375
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All Other Day cases	20	81	551	923	728	669	497	598	578	824	802	857
Chemotherapy (Day case)		4	33	47	120	80	33	45	65	39	47	17
Elective Inpatient Admission	8	43	527	1,027	871	738	528	699	546	595	392	434
GI Scope (Day case)	14	8	30	46	31	32	24	36	22	41	49	36
New Outpatient Appointments	76	282	2,207	2,231	2,153	2,441	2,336	2,063	2,399	1,890	1,962	1,877
Return Outpatient Appointments	115	651	8,318	8,022	7,942	7,589	7,791	7,031	8,165	7,346	7,157	7,154
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	6,221	9,338	8,390	8,670	11,205	10,215	10,286	10,342	10,887	10,446	10,051	9,937
Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital	881	280	341	289	313	318	207	206	359	315	392	
All Other Day cases		6	18	92	93	119	94	85	97	58	171	109
Elective Inpatient Admission		8	1	1	6	3	1	0	3	4	6	10
New Outpatient Appointments		313	102	87	65	82	90	30	27	181	40	54
Return Outpatient Appointments		554	159	161	125	109	133	92	79	116	98	219
MRH Portlaoise	229	385	130	289	279	110	83	140	397	225	73	119
All Other Day cases	39	48	9	29	92	49	12	16	109	4	16	28
Dialysis (Day case)	1	0	0	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	1	0	0	3	3	2	0	1	1	0	1	0
GI Scope (Day case)	31	41	2	6	84	0	4	9	188	1	0	7
New Outpatient Appointments	18	38	37	73	18	15	28	15	27	61	38	38
Return Outpatient Appointments	139	258	82	177	82	44	39	99	72	159	18	46
MRH Tullamore	1,056	674	1,034	692	865	1,071	766	803	820	865	579	413
All Other Day cases	231	140	146	60	102	116	171	202	269	196	151	88
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	82	81	105	52	72	82	91	152	136	144	81	55
GI Scope (Day case)	43	31	9	28	114	46	49	79	48	35	37	62
New Outpatient Appointments	34	41	164	101	52	109	69	201	194	197	107	135
Return Outpatient Appointments	666	381	610	451	525	718	386	169	173	276	203	73
Naas General Hospital	742	1,243	1,153	1,193	2,722	1,662	1,814	2,323	2,584	2,154	1,500	1,304
All Other Day cases	44	43	21	8	27	7	5	0	18	13	1	5
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	1	0	2	17	6	14	14	17	23	1	21	10
GI Scope (Day case)	14	10	8	12	79	14	13	17	41	6	9	42
New Outpatient Appointments	265	396	417	411	731	410	521	681	632	393	339	248
Return Outpatient Appointments	418	794	705	745	1,879	1,217	1,261	1,608	1,870	1,741	1,130	999
St. James's Hospital	2,648	4,340	3,949	4,138	5,170	4,923	4,787	4,730	4,436	4,372	5,069	5,200
All Other Day cases	284	615	594	690	689	770	722	782	857	576	654	783
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0		0			0	
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0		0			0	
Elective Inpatient Admission	95	120	114	126	160	158	125	122	165	161	70	87
GI Scope (Day case)	27	190	87	60	67	96	116	84	43	74	37	42
New Outpatient Appointments	579	934	848	912	1,062	942	942	1,080	867	747	856	1,056
Return Outpatient Appointments	1,663	2,481	2,306	2,350	3,192	2,957	2,882	2,662	2,504	2,814	3,452	3,232
Tallaght University Hospital	1,546	1,815	1,844	2,017	1,880	2,136	2,518	2,139	2,444	2,471	2,515	2,509
All Other Day cases	230	349	307	270	252	322	300	349	371	423	476	430
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Elective Inpatient Admission	53	47	81	90	72	63	64	69	63	85	104	57
GI Scope (Day case)	29	48	50	44	31	16	80	43	28	51	81	29
New Outpatient Appointments	364	327	317	418	387	398	625	510	551	572	585	645
Return Outpatient Appointments	870	1,044	1,089	1,195	1,138	1,337	1,449	1,168	1,431	1,340	1,269	1,348

Ireland East Hospital Group	7,579	11,887	9,368	8,715	20,157	20,464	19,116	17,013	17,379	20,141	19,931	17,655
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	3,986	5,759	5,525	5,221	5,021	6,884	7,457	6,662	7,226	7,823	7,692	6,929
All Other Day cases	44	118	83	103	154	104	104	106	98	119	82	84
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0						0			0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0						0			0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	272	293	383	418	501	584	620	834	924	808	698	946
GI Scope (Day case)	21	29	37	35	30	36	60	32	33	37	35	19
New Outpatient Appointments	869	1,439	1,329	1,160	1,275	2,101	1,941	1,724	1,721	1,936	2,017	1,875
Return Outpatient Appointments	2,780	3,880	3,693	3,505	3,061	4,059	4,732	3,966	4,450	4,923	4,860	4,005
National Maternity Hospital					66	42	58	19	8	220	459	383
All Other Day cases					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission					1	6	12	6	0	7	15	19
New Outpatient Appointments					52	21	14	4	1	107	155	162
Return Outpatient Appointments					13	15	32	9	7	106	289	202
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	429	625	289	256	223	351	319	286	233	227	139	200
All Other Day cases	49	26	47	61	28	1	35	24	19	9	7	5
Elective Inpatient Admission	72	72	74	56	43	4	48	47	40	58	55	45
New Outpatient Appointments	137	255	74	29	61	110	83	103	104	74	52	77
Return Outpatient Appointments	171	272	94	110	91	236	153	112	70	86	25	73
National Rehabilitation Hospital		245	237	254	223	323				1	30	21
All Other Day cases		0	7	0	0	0					0	
Elective Inpatient Admission		0	6	0	0	0					0	
New Outpatient Appointments		44	55	71	52	69				0	10	4
Return Outpatient Appointments		201	169	183	171	254				1	20	17
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	23	26	103	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Day cases	4	11	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	19	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Return Outpatient Appointments	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital		1,790	256		3,204	3,541	3,041	2,437	2,402	3,166	2,957	1,392
All Other Day cases		1	0		78	33	39	69	1	22	7	
Elective Inpatient Admission		0	0		30	18	46	23	192	44	56	31
New Outpatient Appointments		137	19		412	522	417	379	328	505	554	262
Return Outpatient Appointments		1,652	237		2,684	2,968	2,539	1,966	1,881	2,595	2,340	1,099
St. Columille's Hospital		8	168	62	272	276	655	389	505	467	639	423
All Other Day cases		0	29	31	195	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission		4	18	10	0	87	57	42	62	119	43	28
GI Scope (Day case)		0	7	11	0	18	9	0	8	2	9	14
New Outpatient Appointments		4	104	10	54	70	246	154	184	146	250	173
Return Outpatient Appointments		0	10	0	23	91	343	193	251	200	337	208
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	63	240	171	202	185	85	63	38	4	0	0	0
All Other Day cases	63	240	156	118	104	0	34	3	4	0	0	0
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	0	15	84	81	85	29	35	0	0	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Return Outpatient Appointments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Michael's Hospital	228	188	242	304	252	80	213	138	292	219	33	137
All Other Day cases		7		9		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	35	41	24	52	183	1	43	7	141	43	12	10
GI Scope (Day case)	21	45	11	47	14	13	8	0	0	0	6	14
New Outpatient Appointments	106	55	129	126	44	53	114	108	91	22	5	23
Return Outpatient Appointments	66	40	78	70	11	13	48	23	60	154	10	90
St. Vincent's University Hospital	2,711	2,883	2,335	2,342	10,197	8,788	7,227	6,949	6,632	7,920	7,866	8,086
All Other Day cases	21	49	3	24	27	42	70	39	43	33	41	46
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	33	47	6	7	39	42	64	208	248	161	129	199
GI Scope (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	57
New Outpatient Appointments	406	500	437	418	2,541	2,165	1,543	1,457	1,381	1,650	1,717	1,662
Return Outpatient Appointments	2,251	2,287	1,889	1,893	7,590	6,539	5,550	5,245	4,960	6,076	5,884	6,122
Wexford General Hospital	139	123	42	74	439	94	83	95	77	98	116	84
All Other Day cases	14	34	19	54	166	69	70	83	47	77	89	64
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)											0	
Elective Inpatient Admission	20	22	0	6	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)	22	42	16	14	95	22	13	11	30	20	27	20
New Outpatient Appointments	34	7	7	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Return Outpatient Appointments	49	18	0	0	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

South / South West Hospital Group	2,054	6,800	11,309	12,835	10,005	5,105	8,457	15,756	16,203	18,439	18,568	11,759
Bantry General Hospital	397	114	130	149	11	0	56	9	25	27	86	96
All Other Day cases	72	39	43	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chemotherapy (Day case)												
Dialysis (Day case)												
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)	73	35	6	10	0	0	22	0	0	0	36	0
New Outpatient Appointments	124	6	21	27	0	0	6	2	0	0	11	24
Return Outpatient Appointments	128	34	60	111	11	0	28	7	25	27	39	72
Cork University Hospital	2,447	7,110	7,999	4,624			3,466	11,122	11,796	13,402	13,658	7,140
All Other Day cases	144	273	285	146			154	361	373	330	289	202
Chemotherapy (Day case)	8	19	11	1			1	2	5	7	3	4
Dialysis (Day case)	20	58	72	33			0	58	96	16	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	101	176	200	109			48	182	209	180	172	114
GI Scope (Day case)	50	78	79	43			18	59	47	94	47	29
New Outpatient Appointments	411	1,266	1,241	718			553	2,200	1,870	2,135	2,466	1,494
Return Outpatient Appointments	1,713	5,240	6,111	3,574			2,692	8,260	9,196	10,640	10,681	5,297
Cork University Maternity Hospital	48	181	15	85	47	105	98	133	74	31	83	203
All Other Day cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	1	3
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	18	0	17	11	7	10	1	2	2	2	1
New Outpatient Appointments	34	31	15	62	36	78	55	111	68	26	71	171
Return Outpatient Appointments	14	132	0	6	0	20	33	12	0	2	7	23
Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital	0	0	5	16	40	19	29	17	21	23	30	19
All Other Day cases	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	4	1	2	0	3
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	0	3	8	6	3	5	3	11	2	0	3
New Outpatient Appointments			0	4	20	4	8	1	5	7	11	6
Return Outpatient Appointments			2	4	11	11	15	9	4	12	19	7
Mercy University Hospital	191	1,345	1,138	1,107	1,016	1,091	1,191	1,193	961	1,287	1,128	1,115
All Other Day cases	9	90	47	88	99	127	220	221	235	230	230	201
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	14	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	17	15	20
Elective Inpatient Admission	40	137	94	39	70	28	25	47	139	83	15	39
GI Scope (Day case)	13	111	106	81	87	100	237	184	178	162	151	193
New Outpatient Appointments	62	317	184	266	231	229	175	124	95	163	136	153
Return Outpatient Appointments	67	676	703	628	529	607	534	617	314	632	581	509
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	103	611	453	553	463	351	376	609	457	549	472	304
All Other Day cases	80	120	117	167	116	133	112	119	120	129	96	100
Chemotherapy (Day case)	5	10	11	14	4	7	12	9	4	3	3	9
Elective Inpatient Admission	11	19	35	31	30	14	15	17	37	21	16	11
GI Scope (Day case)	7						0	0	0	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments		124	21	9	72	35	49	42	10	63	86	36
Return Outpatient Appointments		338	269	332	241	162	188	422	286	333	271	148
Tipperary University Hospital	897	1,572	1,628	1,576	1,880	1,990	1,474	1,003	1,272	976	868	1,001
All Other Day cases	55	95	51	74	112	51	61	28	97	44	44	45
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	1	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	54	111	57	57	87	59	45	40	97	69	61	60
GI Scope (Day case)	78	165	129	93	163	101	71	127	222	104	104	120
New Outpatient Appointments	109	191	170	174	154	132	145	162	218	198	142	175
Return Outpatient Appointments	601	1,009	1,221	1,178	1,364	1,635	1,152	646	638	561	517	601
UH Kerry	154	279	524	48	764	349	203	216	207	659	777	775
All Other Day cases	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	6	0	37	148	159
Chemotherapy (Day case)	3	11	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	34	54	24	16	45	6	3	0	0	8	8	9
GI Scope (Day case)	0	75	57	31	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	36	56	85	0	143	118	23	84	54	100	94	110
Return Outpatient Appointments	81	82	349	0	505	224	173	126	153	514	527	497
UH Waterford	264	251	306	1,302	1,160	1,200	1,564	1,454	1,390	1,485	1,466	1,106
All Other Day cases		65	118	206	250	189	20	15	21	6	2	10
Chemotherapy (Day case)												
Dialysis (Day case)												
Elective Inpatient Admission	264	186	29	59	74	36	12	43	86	13	23	53
GI Scope (Day case)			5	7	26	34	24	32	28	25	24	
New Outpatient Appointments			93	535	351	456	721	638	599	714	850	392
Return Outpatient Appointments			61	497	478	493	777	734	652	724	566	627

UL Hospitals Group	4,793	5,117	4,534	4,100	4,742	3,919	4,247	2,200	1,892	1,777	4,393	1,833
Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	221	249	380	231	229	193	126	104	128	149	272	81
All Other Day cases	26	37	44	9	9	28	43	27	21	37	56	12
Chemotherapy (Day case)									0	0		0
Dialysis (Day case)									0	0		0
Elective Inpatient Admission	34	35	22	34	51	17	8	16	64	57	47	8
GI Scope (Day case)									0	0		0
New Outpatient Appointments	31	54	54	42	9	14	8	3	0	4	60	8
Return Outpatient Appointments	130	123	260	146	160	134	67	58	43	51	109	53
Ennis Hospital	335	226	197	127	230	171	299	128	244	274	717	324
All Other Day cases	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	4	72	11
Chemotherapy (Day case)										0	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)										0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	49	0	15	0	111	0	17	7	27	9	92	26
GI Scope (Day case)	45	13	28	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	14	6
New Outpatient Appointments	57	27	32	27	13	38	54	20	40	31	75	35
Return Outpatient Appointments	184	186	122	100	106	128	228	101	173	230	464	246
Nenagh Hospital	510	496	645	512	581	356	325	199	462	235	802	231
All Other Day cases	19	58	24	19	165	20	19	0	165	44	96	14
Chemotherapy (Day case)									0	0		0
Dialysis (Day case)									0	0		0
Elective Inpatient Admission	22	32	0	6	34	3	0	0	10	0	39	0
GI Scope (Day case)	0	64	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0
New Outpatient Appointments	111	84	72	96	100	46	43	14	66	42	130	26
Return Outpatient Appointments	358	258	519	391	282	287	263	185	221	149	486	191
St. John's Hospital Limerick	187	192	120	134	305	228	249	103	223	79	284	53
All Other Day cases	16	5	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	64	0
Chemotherapy (Day case)									0	0		0
Dialysis (Day case)									0	0		0
Elective Inpatient Admission	69	50	4	0	167	0	37	50	140	49	103	15
GI Scope (Day case)	12	41	28	9	0	13	25	0	0	0	56	0
New Outpatient Appointments	23	58	28	43	8	35	38	21	7	0	16	0
Return Outpatient Appointments	67	38	55	82	130	177	149	32	76	30	45	38
UH Limerick	2,829	3,101	2,303	2,407	2,748	2,310	2,432	1,310	830	983	2,207	1,018
All Other Day cases	9	47	10	83	88	17	21	41	235	35	62	4
Chemotherapy (Day case)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4	0	0
Dialysis (Day case)	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	157	128	10	12	7	25	34	56	119	74	208	70
GI Scope (Day case)	5	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
New Outpatient Appointments	416	632	477	420	354	327	356	208	108	144	392	154
Return Outpatient Appointments	2,242	2,268	1,806	1,892	2,299	1,941	2,021	1,005	356	726	1,529	790
UMH Limerick	711	853	889	689	649	661	816	356	5	57	111	126
All Other Day cases	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chemotherapy (Day case)									0	0		
Dialysis (Day case)									0	0		
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GI Scope (Day case)									0	0		
New Outpatient Appointments	178	197	123	115	141	125	187	71	1	2	18	7
Return Outpatient Appointments	533	644	766	574	508	536	629	285	4	55	93	119
National Totals:	29,247	45,634	57,556	56,107	67,329	61,350	62,901	65,621	69,449	71,657	74,036	61,855