



24th May 2022

Deputy David Cullinane  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**22595/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancellations at each acute hospital for January, February, March and April in 2022; the number by quarter for 2019 and 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

### Response

In response to your query regarding *“the number of cancellations at each acute hospital for January, February, March and April in 2022; the number by quarter for 2019 and 2021”*, please see below.

In terms of unscheduled care i.e. non elective or unplanned/emergency procedures cancellation data is not applicable for this category as these procedures are not planned but are delivered at the time the patient presents in line with clinical priority.

In terms of scheduled care i.e. outpatient appointments and elective/planned activities, Hospitals and Hospital Groups are working to develop a robust process for the collection and collation of data on cancellations. In this context, the data for April 2022, which relates to hospital initiated cancellations for planned elective activities is attached. Work is ongoing to validate this data, however, it is acknowledged that the data presented may be subject to change. Any anomalies in the data are highlighted in the attached.

- **Definition of a hospital initiated inpatient/day case cancellation**

A hospital initiated cancellation of an inpatient/day case procedure is defined as the rescheduling of a patient To Come In (TCI) date by the hospital due to circumstances beyond its control.

- **Reasons for cancellation of scheduled care appointments**

Hospitals may have to cancel scheduled care appointments due to factors outside their control including the following;

- I. Increased ED attendances and admissions resulting in a requirement for surge inpatient bed capacity
- II. Unforeseen circumstances e.g. Weather events, infection outbreaks or industrial action.



- **Rescheduling hospital appointments**

Hospitals endeavor to provide the patient with as much notice as possible in relation to the cancellation of elective appointments. The National Inpatient, Day Case, Planned Procedure (IDPP) waiting list management protocol 2017 issued by the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) requires hospitals to reschedule elective care appointments within six weeks of cancellation, subject to patient confirmation regarding their availability to attend. Clinical guidance must be sought when managing and rescheduling patients cancelled by the hospital. This is necessary to ensure that urgent and vulnerable patients are rescheduled appropriately. Patients cancelled by the hospital will not have their waiting list date reset.

I trust that this answers your question.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Trish King'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'K' at the end.

Trish King  
General Manager  
Acute Operations

**Cancellations - April 2022**

**National Total**

	Elective Inpatient Admission	Chemotherapy (Day case)	Dialysis (Day case)	GI Scope (Day case)	All Other Day cases	New Outpatient Appointments	Return Outpatient Appointments
National Total	908	56	8	588	1,391	2,887	8,963

**Children's Health Ireland**

	Elective Inpatient Admission	Chemotherapy (Day case)	Dialysis (Day case)	GI Scope (Day case)	All Other Day cases	New Outpatient Appointments	Return Outpatient Appointments
CHI at Tallaght	3	0	0	3	13	32	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>41</b>

**Dublin Midlands Hospital Group**

	Elective Inpatient Admission	Chemotherapy (Day case)	Dialysis (Day case)	GI Scope (Day case)	All Other Day cases	New Outpatient Appointments	Return Outpatient Appointments
Hospital	1					95	183
MRH Portlaoise	0	0	0	4	13	6	78
MRH Tullamore	24	0	0	0	43	11	185
Naas General Hospital	0	0	0	2	17	163	350
St. James's Hospital	42	0	0	24	240	423	853
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network						55	584
Tallaght University Hospital	11	24	0	6	119	128	374
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>2,607</b>

**Ireland East Hospital Group**

	Elective Inpatient Admission	Chemotherapy (Day case)	Dialysis (Day case)	GI Scope (Day case)	All Other Day cases	New Outpatient Appointments	Return Outpatient Appointments
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	60	0	0	3	19	424	1,092
MRH Mullingar	0	0	0	14	36	0	249
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	22	0	0	0	7	74	82
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	7		0	0	0	0	0
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	0	0		0	111	0	0
St. Michael's Hospital	4			8	7	12	10
St. Vincent's University Hospital	20	0	0	0	9	209	841
Wexford General Hospital	22				26		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>2,276</b>

**RCSI Hospitals Group**

	Elective Inpatient Admission	Chemotherapy (Day case)	Dialysis (Day case)	GI Scope (Day case)	All Other Day cases	New Outpatient Appointments	Return Outpatient Appointments
Beaumont Hospital	53		0	262	72	153	570
Cavan General Hospital	52	0	0	0	0	0	0
Connolly Hospital	3			29	54	31	98
Louth County Hospital				34	10	26	96
Monaghan Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	3				3	24	26
Rotunda Hospital	0	0			0	0	148
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>938</b>

**Saoilta University Health Care Group**

	Elective Inpatient Admission	Chemotherapy (Day case)	Dialysis (Day case)	GI Scope (Day case)	All Other Day cases	New Outpatient Appointments	Return Outpatient Appointments
Galway University Hospitals	207	0	0	65	222	205	646
Letterkenny University Hospital	7						
Mayo University Hospital				1	1	34	9
Portlinculla University Hospital	5	0		7	14	33	48
Roscommon University Hospital	0			35	41	24	188
Sligo University Hospital	13	0	0	25	155	47	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>963</b>

**South / South West Hospital Group**

	Elective Inpatient Admission	Chemotherapy (Day case)	Dialysis (Day case)	GI Scope (Day case)	All Other Day cases	New Outpatient Appointments	Return Outpatient Appointments
Cork University Maternity Hospital	0					19	67
Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital	0						
Mercy University Hospital	85	6		19	22	157	224
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	9	4			57	101	221
Tipperary University Hospital	56	17		47	35	56	344
UH Kerry	31	5	0	0	0	56	82
UH Waterford	85						
<b>Total</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>938</b>

**UL Hospitals Group**

	Elective Inpatient Admission	Chemotherapy (Day case)	Dialysis (Day case)	GI Scope (Day case)	All Other Day cases	New Outpatient Appointments	Return Outpatient Appointments
Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	17	0	0	0	17	11	58
Ennis Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	8	56
Nenagh Hospital	28	0	0	0	0	41	88
St. John's Hospital Limerick	16	0	0	0	0	1	20
UH Limerick	22	0	8	0	28	182	765
UMH Limerick	0	0	0	0	0	46	213
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>1,200</b>

1. **St. Luke's Radiation Oncology:** The current process does not allow for the hospital to differentiate or omit where the appointment was cancelled for clinical reasons, patients decision. It

2. **Hospitals reporting outside data produced:** Some hospitals have begun reporting since the start of May and these include the Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital and Rotunda Maternity Hospital

3. **Non-reporting Hospitals:** A number of hospitals have not commenced reporting cancellations due to a variety of reasons including but not limited to; Data path issues, inability to differentiate reasons for cancellations and Cyber Attack (ongoing issues). This includes the following hospitals;

- a. CHI at Connolly
- b. CHI at Crumlin
- c. CHI at Temple Street
- d. National Maternity Hospital Holles St
- e. St. Colmcilles Hospital
- f. Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital
- g. National Rehabilitation Hospital
- h. Bantry Hospital
- i. Cork University Hospital
- j. Mallow general Hospital

4. **Sporadic Reporting:** There are a number of hospitals have had sporadic reporting as the new reporting process is being embedded. This has resulted in no data for some weeks. The HSE's BIU is following up with the relevant hospitals in relation to the missing data. This includes the following hospitals;

- a. St Michael's University Hospital (Week ending 24<sup>th</sup> April)
- b. Wexford General Hospital (Week ending 24<sup>th</sup> April)
- c. Mayo University Hospital (Weekending 24<sup>th</sup> April)