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PQ 35069/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, for each month for each year 2022-2023 to date, inclusive by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form.

PQ 35070/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer-related appointments and procedures which were cancelled for each month for each year 2022-2023 to date, inclusive, by hospital, for adults and for children, in tabular form.

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 queries above the following information has been provided. Hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations in each month of 2022 and from January to June inclusive, 2023, by Hospital Group, hospital and by appointment type in tabular form.

The current information collected does not have details of the patient condition such as cancer related appointments nor does it have specialty level detail i.e., orthopaedics.

It should be noted that this data collection process commenced in Q1 2022 and as such there are data gaps for the earlier part of this year. It should also be noted that data undergoes ongoing validation and is subject to change.

Definition of a hospital initiated inpatient/day case cancellation:

A hospital-initiated cancellation of an outpatient or 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. It is important to note that the cancellations included in the report could represent in some cases patients who have been cancelled on more than one occasion.

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.
- III. Sick leave which impacts on service being given at the planned time

Rescheduling hospital appointments:

Hospitals endeavour 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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trish King', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Trish King
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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.



Information Request Number: 5975
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Date report created: 13/07/2023
Data Source: Weekly Hospital Cancellations of Planned Activity
Subject: Cancellations by Hospital Group, Hospital, Service Area, Year and Month for 2022-2023
Note: Cancellation data provided runs from end of January 2022 with the first reporting week being in February 2022, to June 2023 which is the latest Monthly Cancellation Data Available
Note: Blank Cells denote a non-return of data
Note: Data is subject to change as resubmission of data is received
Note: St Lukes Radiation Oncology Network, Bantry, Cork University Hospital and Malton are excluded as data is under review

Table with columns for Hospital Groups / Hospitals, 2022 (Jan-Dec), Yearly Total, 2023 (Jan-Jun), and Yearly Total. Rows include various hospital groups like Children's Health Ireland, Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital, MRH Portlaoise, MRH Tullamore, Naas General Hospital, St. James's Hospital, Tallaght University Hospital, Ireland East Hospital Group, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, MRH Mullingar, National Maternity Hospital, National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh, National Rehabilitation Hospital, Our Lady's Hospital Navan, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, St. Columcille's Hospital, St. Luke's General Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, Westford General Hospital, and RCSI Hospitals Group.

New Outpatient Appointments	31	191	194	182	159	291	177	167	133	158	142	120	1,945	201	73	80	124	95	108	681
Return Outpatient Appointments	80	1,025	1,137	785	701	802	648	566	592	610	624	658	8,208	1,006	599	694	581	670	690	4,240
UMH Limerick	16	349	346	259	332	262	333	327	239	249	262	178	3,142	221	202	228	192	225	244	1,310
All Other Day cases	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elective Inpatient Admission	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Outpatient Appointments	4	102	72	46	94	57	42	37	44	36	47	32	613	49	42	50	47	24	54	266
Return Outpatient Appointments	12	247	274	213	226	206	281	290	195	213	215	146	2,517	172	160	176	145	201	190	1,044
National Totals:	629	12,218	16,538	14,194	14,604	15,110	16,238	13,040	17,195	16,622	18,518	13,881	170,986	22,888	19,310	22,102	20,262	21,942	20,709	127,213