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PQ12379/23
To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, in each month of 2022 and in January and February 2023, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 12380/23
To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer-related appointments and procedures which were cancelled in January and February 2023, 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 relation to the collection of data associated with hospital cancellations for scheduled care, Hospitals and Hospital Groups working with the HSE in 2022 to develop a process for the collection and collation of data on cancellations. Data collection commenced in February 2022 and over the subsequent months became streamlined and now forms as part of a robust process that is in place for weekly collection of data associated with Hospital initiated cancellations.

The current information collected does not have details of the patient condition such as cancer related appointment. The following information has been provided:
- Hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations from February 2022 to February 2023, by hospital group, hospital and by appointment type in tabular form.

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,

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Information Request Number: 5790
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Data Source: BIU Acute - Hospital Weekly Cancellations of Planned Activity
Subject: To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations, by appointment type, in each month of 2022 and in January and February 2023, by hospital group and hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter
Note: Data below relates to weekly hospital cancellations by service area for January & February 2023, by provider.
Note: St. Lukes Radiation Oncology, Cork University Hospital, Bantry and Mallow data is not available and is currently under review
Note: Chemotherapy data for Tallaght, Mercy, Our Lady of Lourdes and CHI has been removed while a review is carried out on this data
Note: Greyed out cells denotes where a service is not provided by a hospital.
Note: Balnk cells denotes where a non return of data

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	Elective Inpatient Admission	GI Scope (Day case)	Chemotherapy (Day case)	Dialysis (Day case)	All Other Day cases	New Outpatient Appointments	Return Outpatient Appointments	Totals	Elective Inpatient Admission	GI Scope (Day case)	Chemotherapy (Day case)	Dialysis (Day case)	All Other Day cases	New Outpatient Appointments	Return Outpatient Appointments	Totals:
Children's Health Ireland Group	**204**	**11**	**0**	**0**	**194**	**598**	**2,484**	**3,491**	**330**	**9**	**0**	**0**	**239**	**671**	**2,478**	**3,727**
Coombe Women and Infants University Hospita	2				19	21	48	**90**	3				39	23	35	**100**
MRH Portlaoise	3	83			69	7	30	**192**		1			11	2	32	**46**
MRH Tullamore	20	62	0	0	36	28	178	**324**	4	18	0	0	19	11	138	**190**
Naas General Hospital	0	78	0	0	16	418	1,288	**1,800**	2	3	0	0	4	175	365	**549**
St. James's Hospital	45	22	0	0	165	360	895	**1,487**	53	24	0	0	146	313	1,041	**1,577**
Tallaght University Hospital	26	9	0	0	68	91	332	**526**	18	8	0	0	71	124	351	**572**
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group Totals:	**96**	**254**	**0**	**0**	**373**	**925**	**2,771**	**4,419**	**80**	**54**	**0**	**0**	**290**	**648**	**1,962**	**3,034**
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	122	4			46	337	754	**1,263**	134	9			49	378	1,126	**1,696**
MRH Mullingar	8	43			69	0	327	**447**	0	32			93	0	427	**552**
National Maternity Hospital								**0**								**0**
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh	17				13	13	8	**51**	13				14	13	21	**61**
National Rehabilitation Hospital	0				0	14	60	**74**	0				0	12	39	**51**
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	0	0			75	0	0	**75**	0	0			0	0	0	**0**
Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital					34	100	554	**688**	15				38	139	957	**1,149**
St. Columcille's Hospital	0	0			94	11	10	**115**	0	0			86	29	13	**128**
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	33		0		84	0	0	**117**	23		0		20	0	0	**43**
St. Michael's Hospital	140	8				5		**153**	43	6				23	11	**83**
St. Vincent's University Hospital	21	0	0	0	23	776	2,800	**3,620**	0	0	0	0	0	988	2,375	**3,363**
Wexford General Hospital	0	41	0		7	5	56	**109**	0	7	0		13	4	20	**44**
Ireland East Hospital Group Totals	**341**	**96**	**0**	**0**	**445**	**1,261**	**4,569**	**6,712**	**228**	**54**	**0**	**0**	**313**	**1,586**	**4,989**	**7,170**
Beaumont Hospital	86	164	0	0	101	208	527	**1,086**	100	138	0	0	59	206	610	**1,113**
Cavan General Hospital	0	71			71	0	0	**142**	0	35			0	0	0	**35**
Connolly Hospital	34	63				4	7	**108**	5	20					9	**34**
Louth County Hospital	3					14	5	**22**		23			5	14	18	**60**
Monaghan Hospital	0	26			0	12	24	**62**	0	8			0	10	38	**56**
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	25				0	5	28	**58**	11							**11**
Rotunda Hospital	0				13	56	108	**177**	0				0	31	12	**43**
RCSI Hospitals Group totals:	**148**	**324**	**0**	**0**	**185**	**299**	**699**	**1,655**	**116**	**224**	**0**	**0**	**64**	**261**	**687**	**1,352**
Galway University Hospitals	63	77			183	24	76	**423**	41	72	0	0	225	38	99	**475**
Letterkenny University Hospital	12							**12**	6	11			50			**67**
Mayo University Hospital	19	30			27	4	5	**85**	10	13			27	1		**51**
Portiuncula University Hospital	11	19			49	13	33	**125**	5	7			30	50	39	**131**
Roscommon University Hospital	0	22			120	45	207	**394**	0	13			52	49	161	**275**
Sligo University Hospital	22	9	0	0	102	62	171	**366**	18	68	0	0	122	51	61	**320**
Saolta University Health Care Group totals:	**127**	**157**	**0**	**0**	**481**	**148**	**492**	**1,405**	**80**	**184**	**0**	**0**	**506**	**189**	**360**	**1,319**
Cork University Maternity Hospital	4					4	0	**8**	7					4	0	**11**
Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital	4				0	1	2	**7**	1				2	19	5	**27**
Mercy University Hospital	22	32	0		29	94	187	**364**	15	24	0		26	75	160	**300**
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	10				32		22	**64**	16				37	28	102	**183**
Tipperary University Hospital	28	87	33		55	60	432	**695**	27	26	20		21	46	419	**559**
UH Kerry	45	71	0	0	0	129	344	**589**	0	0	0	0	0	8	68	**76**
UH Waterford	6	5			12	146	142	**311**	30	2			97	109	183	**421**
South / South West Hospital Group Totals:	**119**	**195**	**33**	**0**	**128**	**434**	**1,129**	**2,038**	**96**	**52**	**20**	**0**	**183**	**289**	**937**	**1,577**
Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	40				5	5	26	**76**	5				4	1	56	**66**
Ennis Hospital	38	0	0		0	5	25	**68**	55	0	0		0	6	29	**90**
Nenagh Hospital	0	0	0		110	49	84	**243**	8	0	0		39	9	99	**155**
St. John's Hospital Limerick	102	0			0	5	55	**162**	48	0			0	2	31	**81**
UH Limerick	5	0	0	0	30	196	975	**1,206**	2	0	0	0	22	73	613	**710**
UMH Limerick	0				0	49	152	**201**	0				0	39	164	**203**
UL Hospitals Group Totals:	**185**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**145**	**309**	**1,317**	**1,956**	**118**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**65**	**130**	**992**	**1,305**
National Totals:	**1,220**	**1,037**	**33**	**0**	**1,951**	**3,974**	**13,461**	**21,676**	**1,048**	**577**	**20**	**0**	**1,660**	**3,774**	**12,405**	**19,484**