

Question on Notice

No. 1520

Asked on 2 December 2022

MR J KRAUSE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

With reference to patients waiting for specialist outpatient appointments—
Will the Minister provide the following (reported separately by Hospital and Health service and each calendar month) beginning 1 January 2021, the number of patients whose specialist outpatient category was (a) downgraded (e.g. Category 1 downgraded to Category 2) and (b) upgraded (e.g. Category 2 upgraded to Category 1)?

ANSWER

I have been advised this data is not a publicly reported measure and therefore is not a readily available report. The question would require extended work to extract, collate and analyse the data to answer and would involve unnecessarily diverting resources from delivering frontline services.