

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2010**

**Question**

“Following her written answer to my question on 23rd March 2010, can the Minister answer the following questions about the 7 children, out of the 174 who suffered a cycle-related accident in 2009 and went as a result to Accident and Emergency (A&E) who were subsequently admitted to Hospital -

- 1) what were their presenting injuries as recorded on the A&E system;
- 2) what led to their admission to Hospital;
- 3) what were the outcomes for these 7;
- 4) what diagnostic codes were added to their record when they were discharged from the A&E Department?”

**Answer**

The Deputy for St Mary has already been supplied with generic information attached to his written question number 1240/5(5249) on 23rd March 2010.

Unfortunately, due to the need to maintain patient confidentiality the Department is unable to comply with this specific request.

It is the opinion of the Department that given the small number of patients (i.e. seven patients) implicated in this latest question, any answers to the very precise sub questions would potentially be recognisable to any one remotely close to the affected individuals and be able to identify them. This is not in the best interests of the patient. Whilst we would not advocate this course of action, the formal agreement of each affected patient would have to be gained before the information sought could be released to the Deputy.