

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER 2021**

Question

Will the Minister provide details of the utilisation, in percentage terms, of private patients' ward bed capacity, broken down annually for the last 5 years?

Answer

There are 14 rooms available on Sorel ward for use by the Private Patient Service.

At times of increased levels of inpatient activity across the hospital where there is a need for cubicles for infection control purposes eg during covid, public patients may be cared for on Sorel ward (illustrated in the final column of the table below), which affects the overall bed utilisation of Sorel ward.

[Please note that during 2020 there was significant disruption to all surgical operations across HCS with only urgent surgery taking place irrespective of the patient status (private or public).]

Year	Ward	Total Available Bed Days	Total Overnight Occupancy	Occupancy rate	Private Occupancy (% out of Total Occupied beds)	Public Occupancy (% out of Total Occupied beds)
2016	Sorel Ward	5162	3184	62%	82%	18%
2017	Sorel Ward	5029	3180	63%	85%	15%
2018	Sorel Ward	5022	3064	61%	79%	21%
2019	Sorel Ward	5017	2827	56%	90%	10%
2020	Sorel Ward	5078	2526	50%	59%	41%
2021	Sorel Ward	3402	1817	53%	68%	32%

2021 information as at 31.08.21.