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1. It's A "Pandemic Of The Unvaccinated" Scream Journalists And Politicians.

For the last week journalists have been teeing it up ready to blame those who decided not to take the v but what is really going on New 🧵 1/14



2. A few days ago Pat Kenny from Newstalk had Leo Varadkar on his show. Inciting hatred and division for those who have opted not to take the v is sadly commonplace nowadays in Ireland. There are 2 things at play.

newstalk.com/news/varadkar-...

3. Firstly the authorities are trying to get more people to take the v for the incoming Digital ID (or so they hope).

Secondly as Winter approaches they want to be able to point the finger at the unvaccinated for the overcrowded hospitals for the incoming flu season.

4. The question that should be asked is how busy have Irish hospitals been for the last 10 years.

The HSE is “allegedly” facing a winter capacity crisis due to the “pandemic of the unvaccinated” But how does it compare to previous years?

5. I want you to look very carefully at this screen grab below from 2021.

"Bed Occupancy Far Above Safe Levels"

Shocking isn't it. All the Hospitals are nearly at capacity. Here's the thing. That screenshot is from 2014 and not 2021.

Let's look at other years.

THE IRISH TIMES

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

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Bed occupancy far above safe levels

Hospital occupancy rates

St Vincent's University Hospital.....	108.6%	Cork University Hospital.....	94.6%
Beaumont Hospital.....	102.0%	Midland Regional Hospital, Portlaoise.....	90.5%
Midland Regional Hospital, Mullingar.....	100.1%	National Maternity Hospital.....	90.0%
University Hospital Waterford.....	99.1%	Temple Street.....	88.9%
St James Hospital.....	98.4%	Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore.....	85.7%
Connolly Hospital.....	98.0%	Rotunda Hospital.....	84.0%
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda.....	97.9%	Cork University Maternity Hospital.....	83.1%
Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin.....	97.2%	University Maternity Hospital, Limerick.....	83.1%
Galway University Hospitals.....	96.1%	Blackrock Clinic.....	77.0%
University Hospital Limerick, Dooradoyle.....	96.0%	Mater Private.....	72.1%

6. January 2011 "Number of patients on trolleys in A&E departments worst ever"

May 2012 "Patients on trolleys still a problem, say nurses"

Patients on trolleys still a problem, say nurses

🕒 Thu, May 10, 2012, 01:00

Martin Wall



THE NUMBER of patients on hospital trolleys has fallen generally over recent months but nurses have said the problem is still significantly worse than when it was declared a national emergency in 2007.

Number of patients on trolleys in A&E departments worst ever

🕒 Wed, Jan 5, 2011, 00:00

EITHNE DONNELLAN



SOME 511 patients were on trolleys in hospital emergency departments yesterday, the highest number ever recorded by the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (INMO).

A number of hospitals have had to postpone elective surgery to get to grips with the overcrowding. When

surgery to get to grips with the overcrowding. When there were 495 patients on trolleys in March 2006, Minister for Health Mary Harney declared a national emergency and set up a taskforce to seek solutions.

7. September 2013 “Surge in numbers on waiting list for hospital procedures”

August 2014 “Nurses call for beds to reopen as numbers on trolleys rise”

Surge in numbers on waiting list for hospital procedures

Department says trend has reversed and numbers on trolleys has begun to fall

🕒 Mon, Sep 16, 2013, 01:00

Martin Wall



While the report found “significant performance improvement” in relation to numbers on trolleys in some hospitals the position had deteriorated in hospitals such as Tallaght. Photograph: David Sleator



The number of patients waiting for medical and surgical procedures in hospitals has increased significantly to almost 50,000 over the past year, according to new official figures.

Nurses call for beds to reopen as numbers on trolleys rise

8% increase in hospital overcrowding in July compared with July 2013

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The number of patients on trolleys last month is 12% up on July 2012, but 8% down on July 2011. The figures show a 57% increase between July 2007 and July 2014. Photograph: Frank Miller/The Irish Times

8. April 2015 “Immediate action needed to end hospital trolley crisis”

September 2016 “Waiting list for public hospitals at record high”

We must expand public health system to tackle hospital trolley crisis

'Each of the actions now identified and required, to reduce overcrowding, has been clearly identified, numerous times, over the past 10 years, but not addressed'

🕒 Fri, Apr 3, 2015, 00:02

Updated: Fri, Apr 3, 2015, 11:05

Liam Doran

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'The first thing that Government must do is allocate additional resources, to the health service, so that it can open closed beds, (both acute and continuing care), and restore community based nursing and home help services.'

Photograph: Getty Images

Hospital waiting lists up 26 000 since Minister took

26,000 since minister took office

Almost 535,000 people were on public hospital waiting lists at the end of September

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Updated: Fri, Oct 7, 2016, 22:22

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Almost 535,000 people were on public hospital waiting lists at the end of September, up more than 26,000 since last May when Simon Harris was appointed Minister for Health. Photograph: Cyril Byrne / The Irish Times

Hospital waiting lists rose again last month to record levels, for the fifth straight month since [Simon Harris](#) became Minister for Health.

Almost 535,000 people were on public hospital waiting lists at the end of September, up more than 26,000 since last May, when Mr Harris was appointed Minister.

9. October 2017 “This winter, the health system is likely to collapse”

April 2018 “Politicians are ignoring obvious solutions to the health crisis”

This is the winter our health system will finally collapse

The ineffectiveness of this year’s flu vaccines means hospitals will not be able to cope

🕒 Mon, Oct 23, 2017, 01:43



Muiris Houston

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A severe influenza season will create a huge consequent strain on the health service. Emergency departments will choke up and some will be forced to close. Photograph: Alan Betson

There are similarities between Hurricane Ophelia and the likely imminent collapse of the Irish health system. Many of the trees that fell were already diseased or compromised in

the trees that fell were already diseased or compromised in some way. Then came the unprecedented hurricane-strength winds, taking both these trees and some healthy ones with them.

Politicians are ignoring obvious solutions to the health crisis

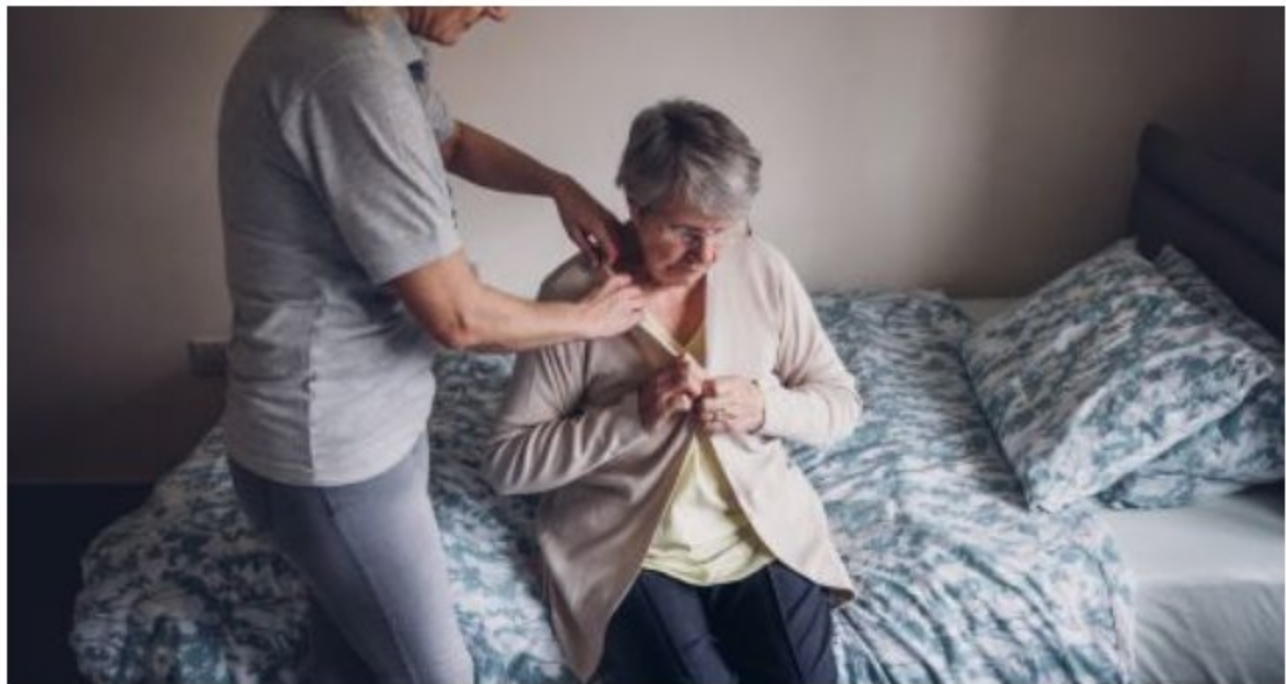
The media and public need to redirect their outrage over hospital overcrowding

🕒 Tue, Apr 17, 2018, 01:00



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'What is most disheartening is that the obvious solution is off the table largely due to the effective freezing or severe rationing of homecare packages in some areas for those who require this service due to their disabilities.'

An extraordinary aspect of the current capacity crisis in the health service is the failure of the media and public attention to reflect on the causes and solutions for the problem. This short attention span has focused on the final common pathway of the problem, the crowded emergency department, rather than those elements causing it, some of which could be resolved in the short term.

10. January 2019 “More than 600 people on hospital trolleys, according to INMO”

January 2020 (Pre Covid) “Hospitals brace for seasonal surge in attendances”

More than 600 on hospital trolleys, says INMO

Minister for Health accepts number waiting for beds 'far too high in recent weeks'

🕒 Wed, Nov 13, 2019, 16:22

Updated: Wed, Nov 13, 2019, 16:26

Sarah Burns



The INMO said 396 people were waiting on trolleys in emergency departments, while 207 patients were in wards elsewhere in the hospital. File photograph: Frank Miller

More than 600 patients were waiting on trolleys in hospital emergency departments or on wards on Wednesday morning, according to the latest figures from the Irish Nurses and [Midwives Organisation](#) (INMO).

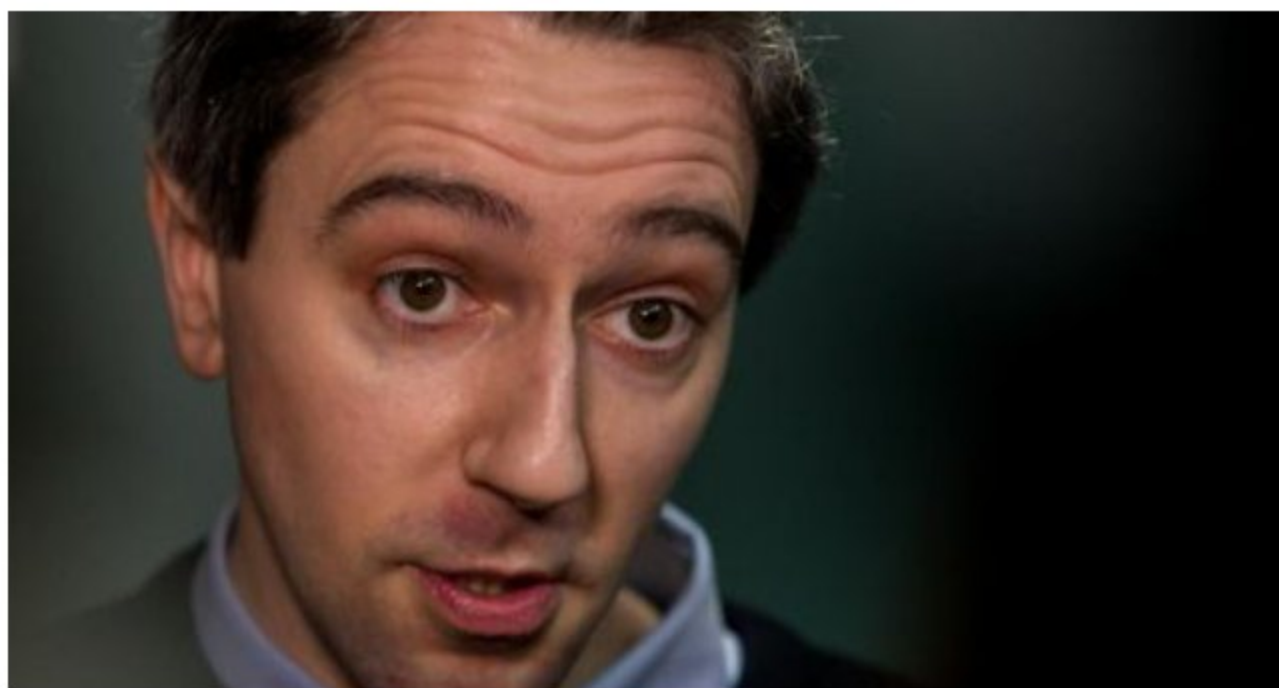
'Things are getting worse':

Things are getting worse . Hospitals brace for major surge in numbers

INMO says 2019 was the worst year on record for overcrowding in hospitals

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Martin Wall , **Paul Cullen** Health Editor



Minister for Health Simon Harris: acknowledges the number on trolleys had been very high in November and in the run-up to Christmas. Photograph: Gareth Chaney/Collins

Hospital emergency departments are bracing themselves for a major surge in patient attendances from Thursday, as new figures show 2019 was the worst on record for overcrowding.

The expected increase in attendances is driven by high flu levels and pent-up demand after the Christmas and new

levels and built up demand after the Christmas and New Year holidays, though there are hopes record overcrowding may be avoided for this week.

11. So that's the last ten years from 2011-2020. The reality is Hospitals have always been at breaking point before Covid entered the public consciousness. If the Govt, NPHE & HSE were genuinely worried about Hospital beds they have had ample opportunity to sort it out.

12. They don't seem all that bothered though. Billions have been spent on PUP (furlough payment). It would have been simple to build a Hospital within the last 18 months let alone the last ten years. Nightingale hospitals were build in record time in the UK and were never used.

13. In all likelihood this winter will be busy, it always is. If the unvaccinated are blamed it's a total red herring. They have painted themselves into a corner though. By claiming that 92% have had the v they don't have much wiggle room.

The public are very slowly wising up

14. You know the drill 😊 I write these 🧵 in my spare time and would really appreciate if you could retweet the very 1st tweet. Likes are great but retweets are required to reach as large an audience as possible to expose what is really going on behind the scenes. Many thanks.