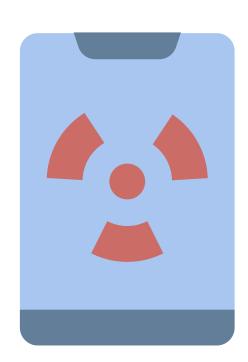


Medical Exposures of Ionising Radiation Incident Notifications 2023



Incident data:



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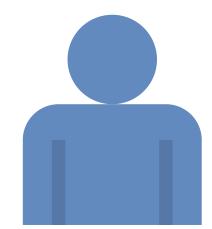
reportable incidents

108

in diagnostic services

23

in radiotherapy services



85% of notifications submitted via the HIQA portal

Findings:



Increased reporting

18% increase in incidents reported since 2022, but fewer services submitted notifications in 2023



1st time

First reportable incident received from a dental service in 2023



Cause of incidents

Human error identified by undertakings as the root cause in majority of incident reports. Contributory factors also identified but not always actioned



Justification

47 incident reports related to the justification process

Areas to improve:

Appropriate

Appropriate corrective actions should be considered and actioned for all identified contributory factors

Audit

Consider clinical audit as a tool to identify gaps and risks, monitor corrective actions and quality improvements in the service

Awareness

All services are encouraged to submit notifications via the HIQA portal for greater efficiency and tracking