

## FACILITIES AUDIT SUMMARY

16

**PUBLIC HOSPITALS**

were invited to participate in the survey with a **100% RESPONSE RATE**.



10 OF 16 SITES REPORTED the existence of a **FRACTURE LIAISON SERVICE**.

These 10 sites managed:

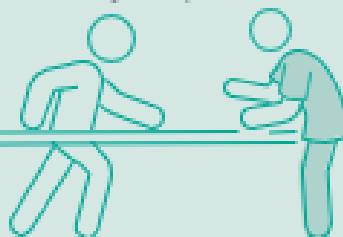
**3,444**

non-hip fractures during 2019

REPRESENTING ONLY

**19%**

of the expected non-hip fragility fracture numbers occurring annually in Ireland.



## FRAGILITY FRACTURES IN IRELAND

The **ECONOMIC COST OF CARE IN 2019** was

**€464**  
MILLION.



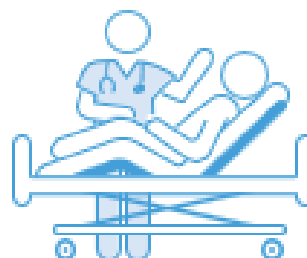
Ageing population will result in an **ESTIMATED INCREASE OF**

**58%**

the highest of all EU countries.

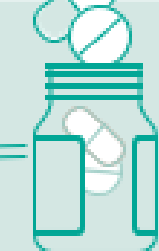
## TIMELY IDENTIFICATION & TREATMENT

of first episode fragility fracture has been proven to **REDUCE RISK OF SUBSEQUENT FRACTURE**.



ONLY **50%**

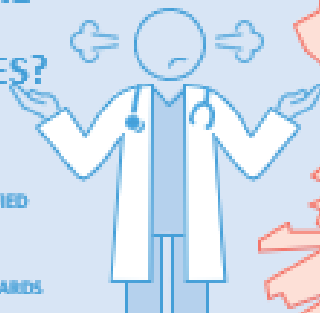
of sites could confirm patients received a first prescription within the **CRITICAL 4 MONTHS FOLLOWING THEIR FRACTURE**.



## WHY NO FLS IN IRELAND IS CAPTURING ALL FRAGILITY FRACTURES?

All sites reported being **INADEQUATELY RESOURCED** and consequently:

- Unable to provide an effective **service** that ensures **ALL PATIENTS ARE IDENTIFIED AND TREATED**
- FLS's in Ireland are failing to **meet** **INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICE STANDARDS**



## A NATIONAL POLICY

to support the implementation of this programme in line with international standards of patient care **URGENTLY NEEDED**.

