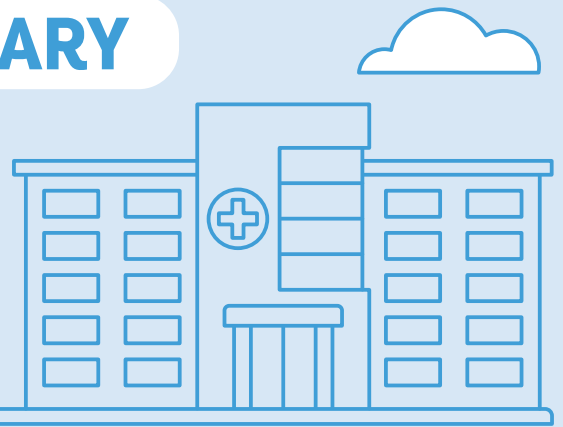


FACILITIES AUDIT SUMMARY

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:

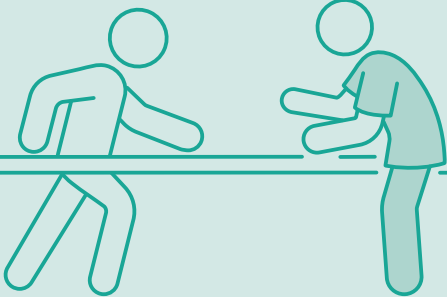
3,444

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**.



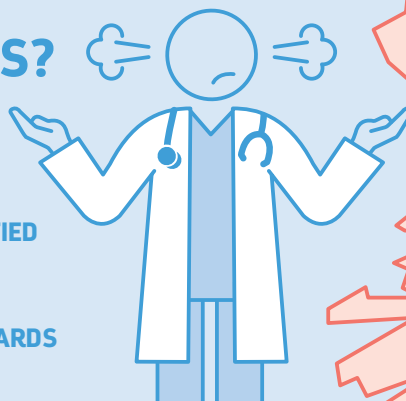
ONLY **50%**

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**.

