



28th May 2019

Fiona O'Loughlin, TD Kildare South Constituency, Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

RE: PQ20841/19.

**RE:** To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the assessment unit in Naas General Hospital accident and emergency department in closed; and his plans to reopen the service.

Dear Deputy O'Loughlin,

In relation to the above, we can confirm that the Acute Medical Assessment Unit service is temporarily closed in Naas General Hospital, due to sick leave and our inability to obtain suitably qualified medical staff to fill this vacancy.

The hospital is exploring all options to recruit medical doctors and restore the service as soon as possible, including recruitment campaigns in conjunction with HBS Recruit and the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Alice Kinsella,

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Naas General Hospital

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