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Re: PQ 22871/19 – Overall staffing levels in the acute medical assessment unit in St. Luke’s Hospital since 2010.

“To ask the Minister for Health the overall staffing levels in the acute medical assessment unit in St. Luke’s Hospital since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Martin,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the overall staffing levels in the acute medical assessment unit in St. Luke’s Hospital since 2010, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter investigated and am advised that it should be noted that the AMAU in St. Luke’s General Hospital moved to a new and larger capital build in 2015 with 10 purpose-built cubicles. Previous to this, it was in a small demountable building with 6 trolleys. It is now accommodated in a much larger purpose-built facility within the Acute Floor. The activity has also increased by 31% in that time period as outlined below:

Acute Medical Assessment Unit, St. Luke’s Kilkenny¹	2010	2018
No. of emergency presentations to AMAU	6,552	8,592
Staffing by discipline		
Clinical Nurse Manager 3		0.4wte
Nursing staff (incl 2 x Clinical Nurse Manager’s)	7.5wtes	14wtes
Advanced Nurse practitioner/Candidate ANP’s	-	1 ANP & 3 cANP’s
Multi task attendant	1wte	1wte
Health Care attendant	-	2wtes
<u>Medical Staffing</u>		
Physician on-call	1	1
Registrar on-call	1	-
Registrar in AMAU	-	12 hrs x 7 days per week (9am to 9pm)



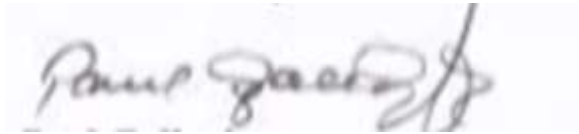
SHO in AMAU	9am-5pm (7 days per week)	9am-7pm (7 days per week)
SHO in AMAU	11am – 7pm (7 days per week)	11am to 9pm (5 days per week)
SHO in AMAU	-	2pm to 9pm (7days per week)
Support Services (inc housekeeping, portering, clerical and catering) ²	(AMAU shares with ED and other areas of the acute floor)	(AMAU shares with ED and other areas of the the acute floor)

¹ The staffing excludes ED staffing resources and includes directly employed AMAU staff for the operational hours

²A number of support service staff are shared with the entire acute floor e.g. housekeeping, catering administration and portering services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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