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Deputy Alan Kelly TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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“To ask the Minister for Health if there is an emergency medicine consultant present on a 24-hour basis in each emergency department across all acute hospitals; and if not, when there will be”

Dear Deputy Kelly

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

There are at present 26 24 hour Adult Emergency Departments as per list below. The 3 Emergency Departments operated by Children’s Hospital Ireland are additional to same.

The hospitals that have 24/7/365 Emergency Departments but do not have 24/7/365 access to Consultants in Emergency Medicine, are those highlighted in blue below:

	<u>Dublin Midlands Hospital Group</u>		<u>Saolta University Healthcare Group</u>
1	Tallaght University Hospital	16	Letterkenny University Hospital
2	Naas General Hospital	17	Mayo University Hospital
3	St James's Hospital	18	Portiuncula University Hospital
4	Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise	19	Sligo University Hospital
5	Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore	20	Galway University Hospital
	<u>Ireland East Hospital Group</u>		<u>South South West Hospital Group</u>
6	St. Vincents University Hospital Group	21	Cork University Hospital
7	Midlands Regional Hospital Mullingar	22	University Hospital Kerry
8	The Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	23	Mercy University Hospital
9	Our Lady's Hospital Navan	24	South Tipperary General Hospital
10	St.Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny	25	University Hospital Waterford
11	Wexford General Hospital		<u>University Hospital Limerick Hospital Group</u>
	<u>RCSI Hospital Group</u>	26	University Hospital Limerick
12	Beaumont Hospital		<u>Childrens Hospital Group</u>
13	Connolly Hospital	1	Temple Street Childrens University Hospital Group
14	Cavan General Hospital	2	Our Lady's Childrens Hospital Crumlin
15	Our Lady of Lourdes, Drogheda	3	National Childrens Hospital Tallaght

Where an Emergency Department does not have access to Consultants in Emergency Medicine on a 24/7/365 basis, clinical governance arrangements for these Emergency Departments are complemented by Consultant Physician cover.



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Emergency Departments are supported by a wider team, which includes, but is not exclusive to; non-consultant hospital doctors (NCHDs), Registrars, nursing staff, health and social care professionals.

The future configuration, role and function of Emergency Departments and their associated staffing arrangements is expected to be informed by a range of strategies including the Trauma Strategy for Ireland <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/c8640e-a-trauma-system-for-ireland-report-of-the-trauma-steering-group/> and the HSE's Emergency Medicine Programme <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/emp/>. The learning from COVID-19 will also be a key influence on future direction.

I hope this response is helpful

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Morton'.

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