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To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the staffing allocation for the room at the accident and emergency department at Tipperary University Hospital that is specifically for patients presenting with mental health issues; the grades of staff attending; the hours that staff are in attendance; the number of hours per week the room is staffed; if the room is fully resourced and staffed to accept patients on a 24/7 basis; the regularity with which the room is available to patients presenting with mental health issues on a 24-hour basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Browne,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position:

There is one Mental Health CNS on duty daily in the Emergency Department Liaison office from 0900hrs to 1930hrs. There is also one Mental Health Non Consultant Hospital Doctor (NCHD) on duty from 0900hrs to 1700hrs.

There are On-Call arrangements in place for the NCHD and the Mental Health Nurse to attend the Emergency Department from 1930hrs to 0800hrs.

Day duty hours are from 0900hrs to 1930hrs 7/7 and as required for night duty hours.

The room is fully resourced and staffed to accept patients on a 24/7 basis.

The room is available to the mental health services on a 24/7 basis.

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

Yours sincerely,

David Heffernan

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