

CC/MQ/MC

07th March 2022

Mr Maurice Quinlivan TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

RE: PQ 10411/22

***To ask the Minister for Health the number of private ambulance trips booked by University Hospital Limerick on each day of the week from the 14 to 18 February 2022.**

Dear Deputy Quinlivan,

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.

Private ambulance services are utilised to support services provided by the National Ambulance Service (NAS). NAS do not always have the capacity or resources to support all transfers from University Hospital Limerick and can also be redirected at short notice to respond to emergency calls. Private ambulance services ensure that patient flow is not interrupted.

Please see below the number of private ambulance trips that were booked between the 14th and 18th February at University Hospital Limerick:

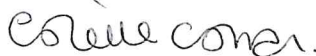
Date	Number of transfer
14/02/2022	11
15/02/2022	8
16/02/2022	11
17/02/2022	9
18/02/2022	14
Total	53

Please note, five of these transfers were for patients needing specialty appointments or scans that are not carried out in the Mid-West region.

In addition, for comparison, there were 46 private ambulance trips booked the week prior, three of which were for specialty appointments or scans that are not performed in the Mid-West region.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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