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Mr Jackie Cahill TD,  
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**\*To ask the Minister for Health when the Nenagh General Hospital medical assessment unit will be operating at full capacity each day; the reason that it is prevented from doing so now given that a consultant, registrar and SHO were recently appointed to the unit and this has allowed 12 patients to be seen a day instead of six but that an additional eight patients could be seen each day were the unit operating at capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jackie Cahill**

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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.

The Medical Assessment Unit at Nenagh Hospital is currently operating at full capacity in line with the staff and resources currently available. As you are aware, a consultant commenced post at the Nenagh MAU in December 2021. A Senior House Officer (SHO) and Registrar have also been recruited.

The recruitment of the additional staff at the Nenagh MAU has allowed capacity to increase from six to 12 new patients being seen per day. The Nenagh MAU can also see a number of review patients each day as the requirement arises.

Increasing capacity at the Nenagh Medical Assessment Unit would be dependent on service demands and would require the recruitment of additional staff across all grades and disciplines.

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

Yours sincerely,



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