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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients treated in the medical assessment unit at Nenagh Hospital per day in June 2022; 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 Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The below table outlines the number of patients seen on daily basis in June 2022 at the Nenagh MAU. The MAU in Nenagh Hospital was closed for one day on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 due to staff shortages, this decision was taken in order to ensure patient safety. In addition, attendances at the MAU were slightly down between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> June due to short-term staffing deficits, these deficits have since been resolved.

Date	Number of patients seen
01/06/2022	11
02/06/2022	14
03/06/2022	12
07/06/2022	9
08/06/2022	14
09/06/2022	14
10/06/2022	10
13/06/2022	13
14/06/2022	13
15/06/2022	12
16/06/2022	14

17/06/2022	11
20/06/2022	13
21/06/2022	12
22/06/2022	13
23/06/2022	7
24/06/2022	7
27/06/2022	9
28/06/2022	4
29/06/2022	9

The Medical Assessment Unit at Nenagh Hospital provides diagnosis and treatment for patients referred with medical conditions including chest infections, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), pneumonia, urinary tract infections, fainting episodes, clots in the leg, anaemia, or non-acute cardiac problems. Through additional staffing the MAU at Nenagh Hospital have expanded their services over the past two years, making more assessment slots available for GPs in the MidWest. Attendances at our Medical Assessment Units in Ennis and Nenagh grew by a combined 19% between 2019 and 2021. In the first five months of this year they have seen a further annual increase of 17% combined.

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

Yours sincerely,



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