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Ms. Niamh Smyth, T.D, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 14186/22 "To ask the Minister for Health the number of attendances to the minor injury unit in Monaghan Hospital from 2010 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Re: Parliamentary Question 14187/22 "To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to extend the daily opening hours of the minor injury unit in Monaghan Hospital; if he plans to open the unit at weekends; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Please see table below detailing attendances per year at the Minor Injury Unit, Monaghan Hospital:

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 2010 | 441 | 374 | 517 | 650 | 760 | 652 | 676 | 589 | 571 | 567 | 506 | 581 | 6884 |
| 2011 | 526 | 490 | 659 | 798 | 811 | 827 | 835 | 813 | 751 | 713 | 531 | 383 | 8137 |
| 2012 | 413 | 473 | 482 | 465 | 529 | 401 | 518 | 448 | 457 | 416 | 394 | 310 | 5306 |
| 2013 | 334 | 328 | 359 | 386 | 270 | 362 | 409 | 359 | 415 | 320 | 325 | 253 | 4120 |
| 2014 | 315 | 295 | 388 | 421 | 395 | 432 | 497 | 387 | 442 | 366 | 334 | 304 | 4576 |
| 2015 | 295 | 342 | 383 | 378 | 356 | 460 | 410 | 424 | 412 | 360 | 336 | 301 | 4457 |
| 2016 | 311 | 301 | 390 | 445 | 439 | 458 | 400 | 379 | 395 | 352 | 347 | 323 | 4540 |
| 2017 | 342 | 344 | 404 | 376 | 502 | 392 | 409 | 364 | 387 | 423 | 349 | 274 | 4566 |
| 2018 | 367 | 380 | 357 | 450 | 556 | 487 | 535 | 421 | 421 | 461 | 533 | 404 | 5372 |
| 2019 | 414 | 350 | 423 | 423 | 523 | 457 | 522 | 473 | 407 | 416 | 408 | 309 | 5125 |
| 2020 | 386 | 371 | 303 | 240 | 294 | 373 | 421 | 405 | 449 | 339 | 365 | 334 | 4280 |
| 2021 | 236 | 284 | 399 | 411 | 499 | 569 | 552 | 496 | 580 | 480 | 495 | 373 | 5374 |
| 2022 | 383 | 414 | | _ | | _ | _ | | | _ | | | 797 |

I can confirm there are no plans to extend the operating times of the Minor Injury Unit at Monaghan Hospital. The Monaghan Injury Unit is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Cavan General Hospital provides 24-hour emergency care to adults and children.



We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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