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Acute Operations,

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Deputy Alan Kenny  
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PQ 53186/22

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of minor injuries units in hospitals across the State; the hours each minor injuries unit operate; the number of patients treated in each unit in the years of 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

There are currently 13\* local injury units operational, the details of which are set out in Appendix 1 below. The HSE has identified local injury units as a priority alternative pathway to support patient flow and alleviate pressures in its Emergency Departments.

\*Please be advised the local injury unit attached to the Midland Regional Hospital at Mullingar opened on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022, therefore attendance data has yet to be reported for this local injury unit.

I attach, at Appendix 2, the activity related to each of these units as requested.

I trust this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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## Appendix 1 Local Injury Units locations and Opening times

Qty	Name of Local Injury Unit	Opening Hours	Service Available To:
1	Urgent Care Centre, Children's Health Ireland at Connolly Hospital Dublin	9am to 5pm Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm weekends and bank holidays	Children up to eve of 16th birthday
2	St. Columcille's Injury Unit Loughlinstown, Dublin	8am to 6pm Open 7 days per week (including Bank Holidays)	For patients aged 14 years and up
3	Dundalk Injury Unit, Louth	9am to 8pm Open 7 days a week (including Bank Holidays, closed Christmas Day)	For patients aged 5 years and up
4	Monaghan Injury Unit Monaghan	9am to 5pm Open Monday to Friday (Closed for all bank holidays including Christmas)	For patients aged 5 years and up
5	Roscommon Injury Unit Roscommon	8am to 8pm Open 7 days per week, 365 days per year. (including Bank Holidays)	For patients aged 5 years and up
6	Bantry Injury Unit, Cork	8am to 7:30pm Open 7 days. Last patient check in -7pm. (including Bank Holidays and Christmas Day)	For patients aged 5 years and up
7	Mallow Injury Unit, Cork	8am to 8pm Open 7 days, Last patient check in at 7pm. (inc. Bank Holidays, Closed Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day)	For patients aged 5 years and up
8	Mercy Injury Unit, Cork	8am to 6pm Open 7 days (including Bank Holidays, Closed Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day)	For patients aged 10 years and up
9	Ennis Injury Unit, Clare	8am to 8pm Open 7 days (including Bank Holidays and Christmas Day)	For patients aged 5 years and up
10	Nenagh Injury Unit, Tipperary	8am to 8pm Open 7 days (including Bank Holidays and Christmas Day)	For patients aged 5 years and up
11	St. John's Injury Unit, Limerick	8am to 7pm Open 7 days	For patients aged 5 years and up
12	Mater Smithfield Rapid Injury Clinic, Dublin	8am to 6pm Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday (Closed Bank Holidays)	For patients aged 16 years and up
13	Regional Hospital Mullingar Minor Injury Unit, Westmeath	Monday to Friday 8.00am to 18:00 Saturday & Sunday 10.00am to 18:00 Closed on Bank Holidays	Patients aged 16 years and over

## Appendix 2 Minor Injury Units Data 2020 to YTD 2022\*



	2020	2021	2022 YTD (30 Sept)
<b>National</b>	<b>89,265</b>	<b>109,378</b>	<b>109,065</b>
<b>Children's Health Ireland</b>	<b>6,795</b>	<b>11,379</b>	<b>15,612</b>
Urgent Care Centre CHI @ Connolly Hospital	6,795	11,379	15,612
<b>Ireland East Hospital Group</b>	<b>21,055</b>	<b>25,199</b>	<b>26,471</b>
St. Columille's Injury unit	7,349	8,747	8,725
Mater Smithfield Rapid Injury Clinic**	13,706	16,452	17,746
<b>RCSI Hospitals Group</b>	<b>13,662</b>	<b>16,701</b>	<b>15,391</b>
Dundalk Injury Unit	9,382	11,327	10,458
Monaghan Injury Unit	4,280	5,374	4,933
<b>Saolta University Health Care Group</b>	<b>6,729</b>	<b>9,336</b>	<b>9,662</b>
Roscommon Injury Unit	6,729	9,336	9,662
<b>South/South West Hospital Group</b>	<b>24,813</b>	<b>29,354</b>	<b>26,904</b>
Bantry Injury Unit	4,450	5,443	5,036
Mallow Injury Unit	5,828	7,505	7,509
Mercy Injury Unit	14,535	16,406	14,359
<b>UL Hospitals Group</b>	<b>29,917</b>	<b>33,861</b>	<b>32,771</b>
Ennis Injury Unit	9,537	11,222	10,123
Nenagh Injury Unit	8,672	9,971	9,559
St. John's Injury Unit	11,708	12,668	13,089

\*Source BIU

\*\*Note the activity data for Mater Smithfield is reported nationally in conjunction with overall ED Data for the Mater Hospital.

**Note:**

Please note data contained in this report is preliminary and may be subject to change. YTD Data is to end of September 2022