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Mr Maurice Quinlivan TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: **PQ 17878/23**

*** To ask the Minister for Health the number of days per year that the full capacity protocol has been utilised at University Hospital Limerick for the period 2011 to 2023, tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Maurice Quinlivan**

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.

As you are aware, in common with other major acute hospitals around the country University Hospital Limerick faces significant capacity issues which are acknowledged by all parties.

The Full Capacity Protocol (FCP) is activated to alleviate pressure on the Emergency Department.

Please see the table below which outlines the number of times the FCP has been used in University Hospital Limerick in each of the years you have requested:

| Year | Number of days FCP was used |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 2011 | 69 |
| 2012 | 314 |
| 2013 | 109 |
| 2014 | 143 |
| 2015 | 217 |

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| 2016 | 304 |
| 2017 | 361 |
| 2018 | 364 |
| 2019 | 249 |
| 2020 | 219 |
| 2021 | 260 |
| 2022 | 227 |
| 2023 (up to April 30 th) | 118 |

I trust this clarifies the position. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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