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Deputy Matt Carty,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**Re: 1840/23 (Health)**

**To ask the Minister for Health the treatments that are available at the accident and emergency department or the minor injuries unit at Roscommon Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Carty,

The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above Parliamentary Question / Public Representation that you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. The following outlines the position.

Roscommon University Hospital does not have an accident and emergency department but does have an Injury Unit. The attached leaflet outlines the range of conditions that can be treated at the Injury Unit.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Garvey".

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## INJURY UNIT

### What We Treat

The Injury Unit will treat patients with injuries that are not life-threatening and unlikely to result in serious long term disability.

The Roscommon Injury Unit will not treat medical conditions, pregnancy-related or gynaecological problems, injuries to the chest, abdomen or pelvis and serious head and spine injuries.

If you are not sure if you should attend the Injury Unit, please phone us on 090 663 2212 or 090 663 2120.

The Injury Unit is open from 8am to 8pm, 365 days a year and is staffed by Doctors, Advanced Nurse Practitioners and Nurses.

The average turnaround time for seeing and treating patients is less than 60 minutes.

### What We Treat

We are able to see, diagnose and treat a wide range of Injuries for both adults and children over five years old. X-ray diagnostics are available on site. You do not need to make an appointment and the team is experienced in treating people quickly and efficiently.

### Pathway of Care

The staff at Roscommon Injury Unit will refer you to different specialist teams if needed and can book follow-up appointments for you.

### Injury Unit Fees

Medical card patients: **No Charge**

Non-medical card holders:  
Currently €75.00

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University  
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## ADULT PATIENTS

### Conditions Treated **✓ YES**

- ✓ Suspected broken bones to legs, from knees to toes
- ✓ Suspected broken bones to arms, from collar bone (clavicle) to finger tips
- ✓ All sprains and strains
- ✓ Minor facial injuries (including oral, dental and nasal injuries)
- ✓ Minor scalds and burns
- ✓ Wounds, bites, cuts, grazes and scalp lacerations
- ✓ Small abscesses and boils
- ✓ Splinters and fish hooks
- ✓ Foreign bodies in eyes/ears/nose
- ✓ Minor head injury (fully conscious patients, who did not experience loss of consciousness or have more than one episode of vomiting after the head injury)

## ADULT PATIENTS

### Conditions Not Treated **✗ NO**

- ✗ Conditions due to medical illness, for example, fever, seizures, headache
- ✗ Suspected serious injury or inability to walk following a fall from a height or a motor vehicle collision.
- Patients with neck pain or back pain that started on the day of injury should attend an ED rather than an Injury Unit
- ✗ Injury causing chest pain, abdominal pain or shortness of breath
- ✗ Serious head injury
- ✗ Chest pain
- ✗ Respiratory conditions
- ✗ Abdominal pain
- ✗ Gynaecological problems
- ✗ Neck pain or back pain
- ✗ Pregnancy related conditions
- ✗ Pelvis or hip fractures
- ✗ Injuries due to self-harm

## CHILDREN aged 5 and older

### Conditions Treated **✓ YES**

- ✓ Suspected broken bones to legs, from knees to toes
- ✓ Suspected broken bones to arms, from collar bone to finger tips
- ✓ Any sprain or strain
- ✓ Minor facial injuries (including oral, dental and nasal injuries)
- ✓ Minor scalds and burns
- ✓ Wounds, bites, cuts, grazes and scalp lacerations
- ✓ Splinters and fish hooks
- ✓ Foreign bodies in eyes/ears/nose
- ✓ Minor head injury (fully conscious children, who did not experience loss of consciousness or vomit after the head injury)

### Conditions Not Treated **✗ NO**

- ✗ Any child younger than five years
- ✗ Any child of any age with a medical illness, for example, fever, seizures, respiratory symptoms
- ✗ Non-traumatic limp or non-use of a limb
- ✗ Injuries following a fall from a height or a motor vehicle collision
- ✗ Serious head injuries
- ✗ Abdominal pain
- ✗ Gynaecological problems
- ✗ Injuries due to self-harm
- ✗ Neck pain or back pain

