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

Dear Deputy Carthy

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. I have examined the matter and following outlines the position.

What injuries or conditions can be treated at the Local Injury Unit?

- Suspected broken bones to legs from (knees to toes)
- Suspected broken bones to arms (from collar bone 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 (cuts)
- Small abscesses (a collection of pus causing swelling)
- and boils

- Splinters and fish hooks
- Foreign bodies such as dust, food or sand in eyes, ears or nose
- Minor head injury (fully conscious patients, who did not experience loss of consciousness or vomit after the head injury)

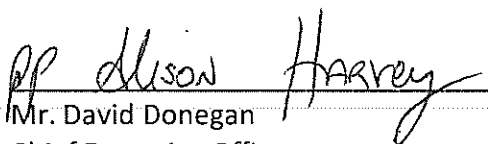
What injuries or conditions cannot be treated at the Local Injury Unit?

We cannot treat children younger than five years.

- There are several injuries and conditions that we cannot treat.
- Conditions due to "medical" illness such as fever, seizures and headache
- Injuries following a fall from a height or a road traffic accident
- Serious head injury
- Chest pain
- Respiratory (breathing) conditions
- Abdominal (stomach) pain
- Neck or back pain
- Gynaecological problems (such as period problems)
- Pregnancy related conditions
- Pelvis or hip fractures
- Children aged five years or older with non-use of a limb or a non-traumatic limp (a limp which has not been caused by an injury or an accident).

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Harvey', written over a horizontal dotted line.

Mr. David Donegan
Chief Executive Officer