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To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or the minor injuries unit at Mallow Hospital; the circumstances in which this is permitted; the number of times that this occurred in 2022; 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 the following outlines the position.

Mallow General Hospital does not have an Emergency Department but a very small number of ambulances do bring patients with minor injuries to the Injury Unit. Most patients self-present to the Injury Unit.

Mallow General Hospital does not collate the number of ambulance arrivals annually.

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,

Mr. David Donegan

Chief Executive Officer