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**PQ 1857/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health if ambulances are permitted to bring patients to the accident and emergency or minor injuries unit at Clonmel 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. -Matt Carthy**

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) National Ambulance Service (NAS) 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.

Ambulances do not transport 112/999 patients to Local Injury Units anywhere in Ireland currently. We have recently begun to transport some 112/999 patients to Medical Assessment Units under agreed clinical criteria and with a direct referral from the treating Paramedic and the receiving MAU physician.

The Emergency Department in South Tipperary General Hospital will accept Adult and Paediatric patients, Major Trauma, Stroke and Obstetrics. It also operates bypass for fractures neck of femur (hip) for direct transport to the nearest Orthopaedic centre.

The amount of times that the Emergency Department in South Tipperary General Hospital received patients via ambulance in 2022 was 6,040.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Operations  
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