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**PQ 38658/23: To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the number of shift leads in ICU, both day and night, and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Ring**

Dear Deputy Ring,

Please see the below table in response to your query in relation to shift leader positions:

Hospital	Day and Night Cover
GUH	There is one Shift Lead 24/7 in the ICU. This is a CNM 2 grade. In the absence of a CNM 2 due to an unplanned event, the most Senior Nurse will act up as Shift Lead for the duration of that shift.
PUH	Shift always covered by a CNM (Clinical Nurse Manger) 1 or 2. There is insufficient nurse managers to provide a shift lead on each shift.
MUH *	There are 1.0WTE x CNM2; 1.0 WTE x CNM1. When both CNMs are not working an RGN from the team will undertake the nurse in charge role.
LUH	Shift always covered by a CNM (Clinical Nurse Manger) 1 or 2
SUH	All shifts, day and night, have a shift leader on duty who takes overall in charge responsibility, for the Critical Care Unit. There are 6.54 WTE - CNM2 Shift leads/managers
RUH	No ICU

\*The hospital & SAOLTA Hospital Group are currently reviewing options and potential to implement shift leads at Mayo University Hospital

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Cosgrove,  
Chief Operations Officer,