

Our Ref: CD/SK
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Re: PQ 14671/24

To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for resolving the issue relating to the appointment of six shift leaders at the intensive care unit of Mayo University Hospital and ensuring the safe running of the ICU department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Alan Dillon

Dear Minister Dillon,

I refer to the above representation:

In line with the Critical Care Strategy, all units that would have eight (or in excess of eight) ICU beds should have shift leads. Currently Mayo University Hospital is working back to this level of eight ICU/HDU beds as we have been working from six beds over the past two years. At present, there is an identified nurse in charge in ICU on every shift 24/7.

The ICU is staffed by the following CNMs:

CNM1 – 1 WTE
CNM2 – 1 WTE

Saolta Hospital Group are currently reviewing options and the potential to implement shift leads at Mayo University Hospital.

Thank you for your query, I hope this clarifies the matter.

Kind Regards,



Catherine Donohoe
Hospital Manager