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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on trolleys per day from December 2023 to date at University Hospital Limerick, in tabular form. -Richard O'Donoghue**

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue

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.

University Hospital Limerick (UHL) continues to experience extremely high levels of attendances at the Emergency Department (ED).

The latest available data shows that up to the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024, presentations to the ED at UHL increased by 13% on last year and emergency admissions by 9%. This trend is more pronounced still among the over 75s with ED presentations having increased by 15% and emergency admissions by 12%.

As requested, please see below the number of admitted patients who waited on a trolley outside of a designated bed area for the date range requested. This data includes patients who waited in our Emergency Department, in designated bed spaces in our assessment units and surge areas, as well as patients on trolleys on our inpatient wards.

	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24
Day 1	52	19	63
Day 2	28	34	69
Day 3	17	52	28
Day 4	35	27	21
Day 5	47	51	13
Day 6	36	21	40
Day 7	33	12	61
Day 8	47	47	52
Day 9	23	42	58
Day 10	7	38	23

Day 11	57	36	13
Day 12	47	54	64
Day 13	44	29	60
Day 14	37	23	62
Day 15	33	40	51
Day 16	25	42	60
Day 17	22	48	20
Day 18	44	40	15
Day 19	41	39	66
Day 20	51	29	60
Day 21	40	13	61
Day 22	37	52	45
Day 23	9	45	49
Day 24	15	57	27
Day 25	3	52	13
Day 26	9	40	40
Day 27	35	24	49
Day 28	35	22	54
Day 29	38	58	58
Day 30	31	62	
Day 31	26	62	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>1,295</b>

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

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