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To ask the Minister for Health if there is a protocol in place in Model Two hospitals for the administration of epinephrine to patients who present at injury units with anaphylaxis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Crowe,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the Emergency Medicine Programme (EMP) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

In the event that a member of the public or a patient within the Injury Unit (IU) of a model 2 hospital develops anaphylaxis, the IU staff are trained and equipped to initiate immediate resuscitation using adrenaline typically stocked in the IU Resuscitation Trolley. The IU team is supported, where applicable, by Medical Assessment Unit (MAU) physicians who are present on many Model 2 sites and by the onsite cardiac arrest team, if required.

Patients who respond promptly to initial treatment may be managed locally within the Model 2 hospital. Those requiring a higher level of care are transferred via emergency ambulance to a Model 3 or Model 4 hospital, in accordance with regional arrangements.

The majority of nursing staff across the IU and MAU settings have completed anaphylaxis training provided by the Nursing and Midwifery Planning and Development Unit (NMPDU). In addition, staff adhere to established local, regional and national guidelines on the management of anaphylaxis.

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

Anne Horgan
General Manager