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Duncan Smith T.D. Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

## PQ ref. 53530/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider rolling out minor injuries clinic in County Leitrim.

## **Dear Deputy Smith**

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.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position for Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo.

The establishment of Local Injury Units (LIUs) and Medical Assessment Units (MAUs) has been a much-needed addition in the provision of emergency care across Ireland, however, there is variation in the activity and operations of these Units. There are many factors which influence this variation, including staffing, physical infrastructure, public knowledge of services and clinical pathways with Primary Care and Model 3 and 4 hospitals in the area. While there is currently no Minor Injury Unit (MIU) in county Leitrim, this will continue to be reviewed.

Roscommon Minor Injury Unit is located within the Urgent Care Centre at Roscommon University Hospital, Athlone Road, Ardsallagh Beg, Roscommon. It is open from 8:00am to 8:00pm, 365 days per year. Staff diagnose and treat a wide range of injuries for both adults and children aged five and over. Staff also refer patients to different specialist teams if necessary and can book follow-up appointments for them.

Injuries treated at the Unit include;

- Suspected broken bones in legs, from knees to toes.
- Suspected broken bones in arms, from collar bone to finger tips.
- All sprains and strains.
- Minor facial injuries (including oral, dental and nasal injuries).
- Minor scalds and burns.
- Wounds, bites, cuts, grazes and scalp lacerations.
- Small abscesses and boils.
- Splinters and fish hooks.
- Foreign bodies in eyes/ears/nose.
- Minor head injury (fully conscious patients, who did not experience loss of consciousness or have more than one episode of vomiting after the head injury).

The Injury Unit does not treat medical conditions, pregnancy-related or gynaecological problems, injuries to the chest, abdomen or pelvis and serious head and spine injuries.



An appointment or a GP referral are not required, in order to attend the Unit. There is no charge for medical card holders or patients who have a medical/G.P. referral.

The contact telephone numbers for the Unit are 090 663 2212 and 090 663 2120.

Kindly note this response was held due to Fórsa Industrial Action which has now been lifted.

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

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