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Email: pqmidwestacute@hse.ie25th March 2024Mr Maurice Quinlivan TD
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of attendees at University Hospital Limerick emergency department in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Maurice Quinlivan

Dear Deputy Quinlivan,

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.

Please see below the number of attendances at the Emergency Department at University Hospital Limerick for the years requested:

| Month | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Jan | 4,871 | 6,625 | 5,580 |
| Feb | 4,855 | 6,232 | 6,046 |
| March | 6,096 | 7,102 | 7,036 |
| April | 6,414 | 6,625 | 6,554 |
| May | 6,274 | 6,747 | 7,098 |
| June | 6,846 | 6,413 | 6,766 |
| July | 7,256 | 6,249 | 6,816 |
| August | 6,822 | 6,638 | 6,697 |
| Sept | 7,277 | 6,640 | 6,732 |
| Oct | 7,006 | 7,158 | 6,901 |
| Nov | 6,598 | 6,657 | 6,881 |
| Dec | 6,353 | 6,806 | 7,006 |
| Total | 76,668 | 79,892 | 80,113 |



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As outlined above, 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 17th March 2024, presentations to the ED at UHL increased by 16% on last year and emergency admissions by 11%. This trend is more pronounced still among the over 75s with ED presentations having increased by 20% and emergency admissions by 15%.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Colette Cowan'.

Professor Colette Cowan
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