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Deputy Thomas Gould
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of days that triage or assessment rooms in CUH Ed have been occupied by patients on trolleys or unusable for any other reason in the past 12 weeks, by reason in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Gould

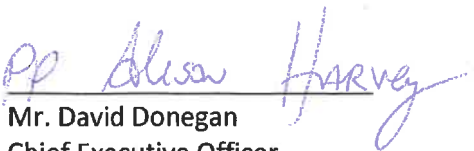
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The triage rooms are never used for admitted patients

Every single day in the last 12 weeks Emergency Department and Acute Medical assessment spaces have had to be used for 'patients on trollies'; this descriptor is used for admitted patients who have not yet achieved an in-patient bed due to our deficit in in-patient capacity.

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,


Mr. David Donegan
Chief Executive Officer