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Deputy Matt Carthy  
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Leinster House,  
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**PQ/57008/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances in which ambulances are permitted to take patients to the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital, rather than an emergency department in another hospital; the number of times that an ambulance has taken patients to Monaghan Hospital in each applicable month in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Carthy**

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) National Ambulance Service (NAS) 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.

In conjunction with the HSE National Clinical Programme for Emergency Medicine, the NAS are piloting the transport of patients with minor injury to the Local Injury Units (LIU) in Monaghan and Roscommon. In both of these areas, if a patient meets the clinical criteria for an LIU, and following a telephone discussion with LIU clinical staff, the patient will be transported by NAS to the LIU for assessment and treatment.

The Monaghan Hospital Minor Injury Unit was available for use to NAS from 27.11.2023. From this time until 31.12.2023 there have been 3 patients transported to this Unit.

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

William Merriman  
Director of Operations  
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