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Mr. Martin Browne, TD,  
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**PQ 12649/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 330 of 8 February 2024, in light of the increased number of people attending Cashel minor injuries unit, if projections are being formulated to forecast possible number for future years to ensure sufficient services and staff are allocated to deal with the increased numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

I can confirm that data supplied to PQ 24/5913 and summary table below outlines an upwards trend in referral numbers.

MIU Activity	YTD Feb 2024	Year 2023	Year 2022
Total of MIU patients seen	762	4260	3332

The MIU Cashel staffing resources and activity data are monitored on an ongoing basis. The operation of this Unit continues to be discussed with Acute services and the Chief Officer, South East Community Healthcare.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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