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Mr Cathal Crowe TD  
Dàil Eireann,  
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Dublin 2**PQ 19562/24****To ask the Minister for Health if all clinical staff in the emergency department of UHL have received training in the National Clinical Guidelines No. 6 (Sepsis Management); and if not, the reason therefor. -Cathal Crowe**

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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 been in contact with the relevant staff and I have been informed that 99% of nursing staff and approximately 90% of medical staff in the ED have received training as per the National Clinical Guidelines No 6 on sepsis management.

In 2018, UL Hospitals Group CEO mandated all relevant healthcare workers to undertake the sepsis e-learning training module available on the HSE's e-learning platform HSELand. This training is mandatory and must be completed every three years.

To complement this, a number of in-person sepsis training sessions are facilitated by our Assistant Director of Nursing for Sepsis. During 2023, 28 in-person education sessions took place across our hospital sites.

In addition to the above, the Emergency Medicine Early Warning System (EMEWS) was implemented in our ED in January 2024. This complements the work being done to identify deteriorating patients across our hospitals where the following are already in place: the Irish National Early Warning System (INEWS), Irish Maternity Early Warning System (IMEWS) and the Paediatric Early Warning System.

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



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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ms Colette Cowan'.

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