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PQ 45904/24 - To ask the Minister for Health for an update on his commitment to standardising the opening hours of all injury units

Dear Deputy Brophy,

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.

In 2023, a HSE Working Group was established to carry out a National Injury Unit Review of the existing Units in Model 2 Hospitals. The Group made a series of recommendations to improve and expand the service nationally which included the standardisation of the operating hours of all Injury Units from 8am to 8pm seven days a week.

The HSE continues to work with all existing Units to ensure standardisation of opening hours, and in this regard, five units were allocated additional resource in 2024 to progress same. As a result, the Injury Units in Bantry, Mercy, and St Johns (Limerick) are now open from 8am-8pm with work ongoing to deliver the standardisation in St Columcille's by year end. The Unit in the Mater is currently reviewing potential to increase its opening hours.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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