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PQ 35797/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the progress in extending the LIU hours in each CHO, in particular CHO3, as they are the most pressured CHO in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Deputy Violet Anne Wynne

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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 National Injury Unit Review was undertaken by a HSE Working Group who undertook a review of the existing Injury Units and made a series of recommendations to improve the service from Injury Units nationally.

An Implementation Group was established in January 2024 with its aim to

- progress the standardisation of delivery and opening hours of existing units to 8am-8pm x 7 days, and
- to develop the Injury Unit Expansion Programme to provide more equitable access for the population to Injury Units

The work of this group is ongoing and has recommended 11 additional Injury Units nationally based on geospatial and population analysis to ensure the newly recommended units are appropriately located. The Implementation Group continue to progress detailed assessment of each location.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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