

Question on Notice

No. 675

Asked on 23 June 2022

MS A LEAHY asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise how many days hospitals in the South West Hospital and Health Service have been without a doctor or a locum doctor since 1 July 2021 (reported separately by hospital)?

ANSWER

High quality and safe care continue to be a priority of the South West Hospital and Health Service.

South West HHS manages a 'hub and spoke' network of three hospitals, eight multipurpose health services (MPHS), nine general practices, four community clinics and two aged care facilities.

All MPHS's have 24/7 nursing staff on shift and are within 1-2 hours driving distance to the nearest hospital - Charleville, Roma or St George.

I'm advised that during the period of 1 July 2021 to 24 June 2022 there have been no hospitals without a doctor or locum doctor.