

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 5th JULY 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 12th JULY 2021**

Question

Will the Minister provide –

- (a) for each month of the years 2018 to 2021 –
- (i) the total number of Intensive Care Unit (I.C.U.) beds at the General Hospital;
 - (ii) the average percentage I.C.U. bed occupancy;
 - (iii) the total number of invasive ventilators in the General Hospital;
 - (iv) the average usage rate of invasive ventilators in the General Hospital; and
- (b) for each month of 2020 –
- (i) how many Covid-19 patients required hospital treatment; and
 - (ii) how many of those patients required treatment using an invasive ventilator?

Answer

- a) i) The Intensive Care Unit has 7 beds – these comprise 5 in the ward area with 2 single / isolation rooms. This number is unchanged since 2018.

ii) Percentage ICU bed occupancy Jan 2018 to June 2021 by month and Use of Invasive Ventilators

Month	% ICU Occupancy	Use of Invasive Ventilators¹
Jan-18	52.5	7
Feb-18	47.2	3
Mar-18	64.5	10
Apr-18	57.1	2
May-18	52.1	7
Jun-18	42.1	12
Jul-18	45.6	10
Aug-18	54.8	7
Sep-18	51.0	6
Oct-18	42.1	3
Nov-18	51.7	4

¹ Number of procedures

Dec-18	50.2	6
Jan-19	52.8	11
Feb-19	58.2	6
Mar-19	49.5	11
Apr-19	51.4	5
May-19	54.0	8
Jun-19	34.1	6
Jul-19	62.3	6
Aug-19	62.2	10
Sep-19	49.8	7
Oct-19	50.7	11
Nov-19	62.1	10
Dec-19	51.2	9
Jan-20	63.5	4
Feb-20	53.0	7
Mar-20	36.9	5
Apr-20	65.7	6
May-20	22.1	2
Jun-20	28.2	3
Jul-20	59.7	6
Aug-20	63.6	2
Sep-20	52.6	8
Oct-20	58.5	4
Nov-20	39.5	3
Dec-20	50.2	6
Jan-21	56.2	6
Feb-21	56.4	2
Mar-21	63.6	3
Apr-21	62.9	4
May-21	58.4	7
Jun-21	41.4	2

iii) There are 20 invasive ventilators in the hospital. In addition, there are 18 anaesthetic machines that can also be used for invasive ventilation should the need arise.

iv)

Year	Average Use of Invasive Ventilator Per Month (in Year listed)
2018	6.4 per month
2019	8.3 per month
2020	4.7 per month
2021 (First 6 month)	4.0 per month

b) i) and ii)

Month	Covid Patients in Hospital	Requiring Treatment Using Invasive Ventilator
Jan-20	1	1
Feb-20	16	0
Mar-20	16	1
Apr-20	7	3
May-20	1	0
Jun-20	1	0
Jul-20	3	0
Aug-20	3	0
Sep-20	21	0
Oct-20	44	0
Nov-20	1	1
Dec-20	16	3