## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY SENATOR K.L. MOORE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022

## Question

"Will the Minister advise the Assembly of the cost of using rheumatology locums over the last year, and of the number of patients seen in the Rheumatology Department per week during the same period?"

## **Answer**

In the last year, since April 2021, there has been 1 locum in the Rheumatology Department who started on 14 February 2022. The total cost to the end of March was £44,500.

The table below shows the count of unique patients attending a Rheumatology outpatient appointment per week and the total count of appointments attended per week.

Date Range: 5th April 2021 – 27th March 2022

Week Commencing*	Patient Count	Appointments Attended Count
05/04/2021*	68	75
12/04/2021	58	66
19/04/2021	68	75
26/04/2021	76	86
03/05/2021*	43	46
10/05/2021	89	96
17/05/2021	70	80
24/05/2021	52	59
31/05/2021*	56	61
07/06/2021	42	45
14/06/2021	55	59
21/06/2021	71	83
28/06/2021	43	48
05/07/2021	40	42
12/07/2021	47	53
19/07/2021	76	78
26/07/2021	64	68
02/08/2021	40	43
09/08/2021	66	69
16/08/2021	66	68
23/08/2021	33	38
30/08/2021*	64	66
06/09/2021	76	83
13/09/2021	56	63
20/09/2021	54	65
27/09/2021*	46	50

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Data Source: Hospital Patient Administration System (TrakCare, Report BKG1A)

The table below shows the average, minimum and maximum number of appointments attended per week over the period.

Average Weekly Appointment Count	Minimum Weekly Appointment Count	Maximum Weekly Appointment Count
76	36	153

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<sup>\*</sup>Indicates this was not a full working week.