



**TYRONE COUNTY HOSPITAL**

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Dear Ms Campbell

**Re: Omagh Bombing**

Further to our telephone conversation and your recent enquiry I can advise you that the number of the casualties attending Hospital and the number of admissions etc are included within the Trust's initial response which has since been shared with the other participants for the meeting on 23 October 1998.

You enquired about more details in respect of the type of injuries received by the victims of the Omagh bombing. I have looked at the details available for the patients in Hospital on 20 August 1998. This review indicates that most people had more than one injury but the following is the summary of the injuries identified. There are also ten patients on the list which had no details in respect of their injuries on that date.

- Burns - 11 patients
- Shrapnel injuries - 33 patients
- Wounds or tendon injuries - 26 patients
- Fractures - 27 patients
- Head injuries - 5 patients
- Major organ injuries - 10 patients
- Eye injuries - 8 patients
- Amputations - 5 patients
- Multiple injuries - 4 patients
- Spinal injuries - 1 patient
- Ear injuries - 7 patients

I trust that this information is of help in preparing for our meeting on 23 October 1998.

Yours sincerely

**Mr E Fee**  
**Director of Acute Hospital**

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ESTABLISHED UNDER ART.10 OF THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NI) ORDER 1991

**Appendix 1.**

Table 1	Attendances at Casualty	Admissions from Casualty	Admissions subsequently transferred to other hospitals			
			Altnagelvin	RVH	Ulster	BCH
On Day of Bomb						
Tyrone County Hospital	198	69	14	23	2	2
TCH A&E t/f to Altnagelvin	11	11	11			
Erne Hospital	71	37		4	3	
South Tyrone Hospital	26	11				
Altnagelvin Hospital	30					
Further Casualties attending due to the incident						
Tyrone County Hospital	44					
Erne Hospital	2					
Totals	382	128	25	27	5	2
<i>NOTE: 11 of the 25 admissions to Altnagelvin were transferred directly from T.C.H., A&amp;E Department.</i>						

Summary of inpatient destinations

Tyrone County Hospital	28
Erne Hospital	30
South Tyrone Hospital	11
Altnagelvin Hospital	25
RVH	27
Ulster	5
BCH	2
Total Inpatients	<u>128</u>

**Treatment of Patients not reporting to Accident and Emergency**

During the first 2 weeks, local General Practitioners have treated an additional 2000 patients who did not initially present at hospital as a result of the bomb. It is estimated that these patients will require a combination of a treatment room appointment, physiotherapy sessions, audiology assessments and counselling sessions.