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Ms. Mary Butler TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 46759/18 : To ask the Minister for Health the winter plan that has been put in place to deal with the expected winter vomiting bug at UHW; and the expected demand for extra capacity for winter 2018

Dear Deputy Butler,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

University Hospital Waterford has developed a robust plan for Winter 2018/2019 and is actively working in collaboration with our South East Community Health Care (SEHC) partners on a number of initiatives. This suite of initiatives seeks to optimise patient flow at hospital and community level.

It is estimated that there will be additional unscheduled care demand in the order of 5 - 8% given the trend year to date as well as demographic factors.

Yours sincerely,

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