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

**PQ 17898 - To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the position of technician in the cardiovascular unit at University Hospital Waterford is vacant; his plans to appoint a person into the role; if the position has been advertised; the expected timeframe for it to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Butler

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

The Vascular post (Chief II Vascular Physiologist) has been vacant since November 2018. UHW have advertised this post twice with NRS and with The Irish Institute of Clinical Measurement Science. In all cases, no applications were received. It is intended to re-advertise the post again in the coming weeks.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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