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Mr Mattie McGrath TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 51349 - To ask the Minister for Health the ongoing support services and resourcing provided at University Hospital Waterford for patients that received stoma surgery and attend the hospital on an ongoing basis as part of the follow-up care; the nursing and financial resource allotted for such care at the hospital; the way in which this compares to other model 4 cancer centres nationally (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Donnelly

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.

I can advise that University Hospital Waterford has 0.6wte Clinical Nurse Specialist allocated to the Stoma Care Service. This Clinical Nurse Specialist prioritises both inpatients and outpatients on an ongoing basis. There has been no recent change in policy other than inpatient demand in recent weeks has resulted in less available time to provide an outpatient service.

UHW has submitted a Business Case to the Hospital Group seeking additional staffing for this necessary service. In the meantime, we are providing some administrative support to the Clinical Nurse Specialist so that she can use her hours to support inpatients and outpatients.

UHW is not aware of arrangements / resources in place in other hospitals.

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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