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Ms. Mary Butler TD
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Leinster House
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PQ 4084/19 To ask the Minister for Health if enhanced cardiac care was provided at UHW on Saturday and Sunday would the current consultant cardiologists employed at UHW under their current contracts be able to provide this extra cover.

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.

The provision of enhanced cardiac care on a Saturday and Sunday cannot be provided within the current number of Consultant Cardiologists employed at UHW.

Yours sincerely,



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