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**Re: PQ 25638/19 – Atrial fibrillation ablation treatment, MMUH**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the long waiting times for atrial fibrillation ablation treatment in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy O'Brien,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking the reason for the long waiting times for atrial fibrillation ablation treatment in the Mater Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that in the past 7 years referrals to the Electrophysiology service have increased almost 3-fold. In order to meet the demand Electrophysiology activity in Cardiovascular Laboratory on site has increased from 1 day per week to 3 days per week since 2016. The service is also receiving additional funding through the National Treatment Purchase Fund to ensure timely treatment for appropriate patients on this waiting list.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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