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Mr Maurice Quinlivan TD,
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Re: PQ 26100/19

***To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on inpatient and outpatient waiting lists in University Hospital Limerick; the action he is taking to reduce the numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Maurice Quinlivan**

Dear Deputy Quinlivan,

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.

Inpatient Waiting List:

GI Scopes

There are currently 1,643 patients awaiting an appointment for an Endoscopy procedure in University Hospital Limerick. Endoscopy procedures are provided in UHL, Ennis Hospital, Nenagh Hospital and St John's Hospital. Along with this we have received funding from the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) to support outsourcing initiatives for the longest waiting patients and we are in the process of offering these patients the option of having their treatment carried out elsewhere.

Inpatient-Daycase

There are currently 2,038 patients awaiting an appointment for an Inpatient-Daycase procedure in University Hospital Limerick.

To supplement the Inpatient-Daycase procedures carried out in UHL, we have also received funding from the NTPF to support outsourcing initiatives for the longest waiting patients and we are in the process of offering these patients the option of having their treatment carried out elsewhere. In addition, we have also received funding from the NTPF to continue to treat our longest waiting patients focusing especially on high volume procedures for example cataracts or cystoscopies.

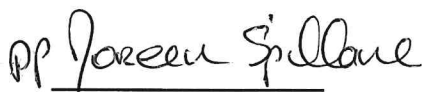
Outpatient Waiting List:

There are currently 36,095 patients on the UHL Outpatient waiting list as of the July 04th 2019. We see approx. 12K patients per month in Outpatient clinics in UHL. We are also actively working on waiting list validation and process improvement initiatives to ensure that current clinic access capacity is maximised.

NTPF funding has been provided for Clearance Initiatives in some Specialties and others are progressing. Data quality is receiving a particular focus following the recommendations of the 2018 NTPF Special Audit Programme with a quality improvement plan being developed in this regard.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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