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06th March 2019

Dr Michael Harty TD
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Re: PQ 11684/19

*** To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take with the HSE to provide a kidney dialysis unit at Ennis General Hospital thereby reducing significant transport costs associated with taking patients to hospitals in counties Limerick and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -
Michael Harty**

Dear Dr Harty,

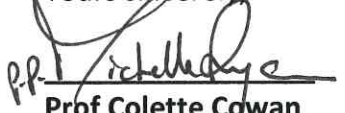
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

A state of the art Renal Department was opened in University Hospital Limerick in November 2016. We currently treat some of our dialysis patients in a satellite centre on the Dock Road, Limerick. This satellite centre is currently operated through a service level agreement with Fresenius and is being re-tendered at the present time.

There are no immediate plans to provide a Dialysis Centre at Ennis Hospital. However as part of our Five Year Corporate Strategy 2019- 2022, we will be exploring options for the extension of the Dialysis Service along with other medicine and perioperative services to Ennis and other Model 2 Hospitals in the coming years.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely



Prof Colette Cqwan
Chief Executive Officer
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