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Deputy Micheál Martin T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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Re: PQ 13539/19 - Dermatology services, St Luke's

"To ask the Minister for Health the way in which patients in the Kilkenny area can access dermatology services; if St. Vincent's Hospital is the designated hospital for this service; if there is a waiting list for same; if an outreach service exist; if not, if patients have to travel to Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Martin,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking information regarding access to dermatology services in Kilkenny, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter investigated and am advised that a consultant led dermatology service is in place in St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny. A patient has to be referred to it by a GP to access it.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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