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Ms Mary Butler TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 14406 - To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the outpatient urology waiting list at University Hospital Waterford of which 981 are waiting in excess of 18 months

Dear Deputy Butler

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Urology services at UHW has two funded Consultant Urologist posts. In mid-2018, an additional Consultant Urologist (locum) was engaged by the SSWHG to support the demands on the Urology Service. The focus of the locum Consultant's work is on seeing the patients with the longest wait times.

The locum Consultant commenced seeing the longest waiters in August 2018 and this has resulted in a reduction in waiting times from 48 months to 24-36 months, with 514 patients having already been offered clinical appointments and seen by the Consultant Urologist. The focus on the long waiters continues in 2019 and from May 2019 additional clinic capacity will be available. NTPF funding support has been made available to support the reduction in long waiters.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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