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

PQ 14407 - To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the outpatient ENT waiting list at University Hospital Waterford of which 3,437 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.

In the effort to reduce patient waiting times for the longest waiters on the ENT Outpatient Waiting List, University Hospital Waterford has an in-house solution in place, supported with NTPF funding, and provides for a locum ENT Consultant to focus on reducing patient waiting times. For 2019 the plan with ENT Services for both in-patients and out-patients includes approval for 800 long waiter out-patients. It is to be noted that ENT services receives a high number of new referrals on a monthly basis with an average of 300 referral per month.

Additionally for patients requiring hearing tests (Audiology) a combination of in-house and external provider initiatives are in place.

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

Yours sincerely,

Grace Rothwell
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