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

PQ 14408 - To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the outpatient dermatology waiting list at University Hospital Waterford of which 973 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.

UHW has 3 Consultant Dermatologists. Referrals are triaged by the Consultant Dermatologists according to clinical priority. There are various sub specialities appropriate to specific dermatology patient referrals that include cancer related conditions.

Dermatology Services at UHW sees circa 950 patients per month and the service receives up to 500 new referrals per month therefore demand versus capacity constitutes a continuous challenge.

A number of additional clinics were held in 2018 for long waiter supported by NTPF funding and a similar initiative is being progressed for 2019

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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