

28<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**PQ 20831/19 To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided to allow for the development of an extra procedure room in endoscopy at University Hospital Galway; the number of persons and duration by month on the waiting list for GI endoscopy, oesophago-gastro-duodenoscopy and colonoscopy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Connolly**

Dear Deputy Connolly

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

A capital submission was made in May 2018 for a 3rd End room however currently there is no capital allocation for this project in the interim we have made arrangements to increase capacity through the provision of an extended working day and also funding has been provided for additional staffing to support the extended working day.

Additional funding has been provided to appoint the following staffing:

- 3 WTE Staff Nurses
- 1 WTE Porter
- 1 WTE CSSD Operative
- 0.5 WTE Clerical admin

The following information is the 'New' waiting list only and includes only the active patients (i.e. does not include patients who have a date but have not been seen yet and does not include patients that have been suspended).

Specialty	(Multiple Items)										
Wait category	ACTIVE										
Count of Hospital Name	Column Labels										
Row Labels	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-8 Months	8-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18-24 Months	24-36 Months	36-48 Months	Grand Total	
Fibreoptic colonoscopy to caecum	383	167	24	54	16	16	71	4	13	748	
Panendoscopy to duodenum	367	277	174	277	36	8	33	7		1179	
Panendoscopy via camera capsule	6	1			1					8	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1935</b>	

\*Cover both GI and General Surgery

Yours sincerely



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