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"To ask the Minister for Health his attention has been drawn to the fact that the management of Cork University Hospital has cancelled the contract for the bone densitometry unit in the hospital and has made alternate arrangements elsewhere with a company (Global Diagnostics); if the public patients will no longer be accommodated in the bone densitometry unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy O'Brien

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.

The outcome of the Open Competition undertaken by the HBS Procurement for the provision of Bone Densitometry scans for Cork University Hospital, Cork University Maternity Hospital and Cork Kerry Community Healthcare resulted in the award of this contract to Global Diagnostics for an initial 3 year term.

All patients that were normally referred to CUH/CUMH for bone densitometry scans can be referred to this service. This includes public, GMS patients and private patients.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely.

Chief Executive Office