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Mr David Cullinane TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 46202 - To ask the Minister for Health the mitigating measures that University Hospital Waterford has put in place to ensure the hospital comes in on budget for 2019; the areas in which these savings are being made; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane


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.

I can confirm that University Hospital Waterford continues to ensure that the hospital is operating efficiently and working within our envelope of funding. As part of this process, savings initiatives for 2019 have been identified in the following areas.

- Conversion of Agency staff to HSE contracts to reduce payroll costs
- Reviewing and monitoring overtime spend
- Drug savings initiatives by switching to Biosimilars

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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