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Mr John McGuinness TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 38303 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases of CRE confirmed at University Hospital Waterford; the protocol in place if patients are being transferred from the hospital to another health facility; if patients that have been transferred are tracked and monitored for CRE; the steps taken to ensure patient safety and infection control at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGuinness

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.

There have been 161 confirmed CPE Cases in University Hospital Waterford. The National Provisional Guidance relating to Inter Facility Transfer of Patients colonised or infected with Antimicrobial Resistance Organisms including CPE 2018 is in use in University Hospital Waterford. Patient CPE Information leaflets are also available. Staff complete a Patient Transfer/Discharge Communication documentation which outlines infection status of the patient to the receiving health facility. There are multiple measures taken to ensure patient safety and infection control at the hospital which includes staff and patient education, patient screening in line with national policy, patient tracking, environmental, auditing, surveillance, policies, clinical expertise and advice.

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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