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22nd December, 2020

Deputy Brendan Griffin, TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2

PQ Number: 42433/20

Dear Deputy Griffin,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the senior rheumatologist position at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Griffin

In November 2020 UHK were informed by the Locum Consultant Rheumatologist that he was leaving the post in January 2021. UHK Management has secured further Locum Consultant cover from 1st January, 2021 as it continues the process of the recruitment of a permanent full time Consultant Rheumatologist. UHK does not anticipate any disruption to the Rheumatology service during this handover.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Fearghal Grimes
General Manager
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