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RE: PQ Ref 36998/20

**\* To ask the Minister for Health if additional resource funding has been made available through SSWHG to the cardiac team at University Hospital Waterford in order to carry out a full panoply of interventional procedures including primary and elective PCI during the additional soon to be announced scheduled hours (details supplied); if the primary PCI service will be notified as available during these hours to the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter -Matt Shanahan  
Details: 8- 8, x3 days per week and extending into 8-8 x 7 days in 2021**

Dear Deputy Shanahan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The South/ South West Hospital Group can confirm that resources have been made available to commence extended working days, 3 days a week in December 2020 (subject to staffing issues that may arise from Covid 19).

The focus will initially be on inpatient procedures to support optimal patient flow ahead of the Christmas and New Year period for University Hospital Waterford and the other South East Hospitals as required.

In parallel a detailed plan is being developed to commence extended working days in January 2021 incorporating Primary PCI. Discussions with the National Ambulance Service (NAS) will be held in this regard in the coming weeks.

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,

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