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Email: pgmidwestacute@hse.ie27th November 2020

Mr Michael Lowry TD
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Re: PQ 37167/20

***To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to establish a renal dialysis unit in one of current health care facilities in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Michael Lowry**

Dear Deputy Lowry,

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.

The National Renal Office is responsible for planning the strategic development of renal services across the country. It has developed a national patient management system for renal services that informs strategic planning. All adult patients commence dialysis in one of the 13 hospital dialysis unit settings and then continue to receive dialysis in either the hospital unit or at one of the 11 satellite dialysis units strategically located across the country.

Many of these satellite units were opened in the past decade in response to the increasing number of patients requiring in centre haemodialysis treatment.

Currently in the Mid West we have a satellite unit based in Limerick which serves the population of the Midwest. There currently is no plan to develop a satellite dialysis centre in Co. Tipperary.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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