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Mr Paul Kehoe TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

PQ 61003 - To ask the Minister for Health when 24/7 PPCI will be implemented at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kehoe

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.

HSE Estates advise that construction of the 2nd Cath Lab at UHW is underway with handover expected by Quarter 3, 2022, delayed from Quarter 2 due to infection control and noise issues. It is intended that the 2nd Cath Lab will be available for operational use by Quarter 4, 2022 at which time both Cath Labs will be operational. The provision of the second cardiac catheterisation lab will be a significant step forward in the care of cardiac patients in this region. The Interventional Cardiologist requirement to provide a 24/7 service would be 8 Consultant WTEs, however, the immediate priority for UHW is to establish the extended working day to 8am-8pm Monday to Friday.

In this regard, I can advise that discussions are continuing in relation to the commencement of the extended working day in the existing Cath Lab in UHW. It is anticipated that extended working days (8am-8pm Monday to Friday) will commence in Quarter 1 2022.

The update in relation to the recruitment of additional staffing to support the extended working days to 8am-8pm Monday to Friday is as follows:

- The additional Consultant Interventional Cardiologist post in University Hospital Waterford (UHW) required to support extended worked days was filled on a permanent basis on the 1st of March 2021.
- The replacement Consultant Cardiologist post has since become vacant (due to a resignation) and has been progressing through the recruitment process. Shortlisting for this post went ahead on Monday, 29th November 2021 and unfortunately, no candidate was successful at this stage. The job description for this post is being reviewed and the position will be re-advertised in the coming weeks.

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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