

**15th January 2020**

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**Re: PQ 1613/21 – Dermatology services, SVUH**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the restart date for dermatology services in St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny (details supplied\*); and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**\*the management for the which provided by St Vincent's University Hospital Dublin, but no staff have been provided and no service has been in place for a number of years”**

Dear Deputy Burke,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the restart date for dermatology services in St. Luke's General Hospital with support from St Vincent's University Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that St Vincent's University Hospital is committed to supporting St Luke's General Hospital in recommencing a dermatology service for patients. While the Clinical Director in St Luke's General Hospital has discussed the matter with the relevant consultant in St Vincent's University Hospital, at the time of writing a date for recommencing the service has not been agreed.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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