



23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Mr David Cullinane, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**RE: PQ Ref 15276/21**

Dear Deputy Cullinane

I write in response to the above PQ and I have given the response below the PQ:

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting to receive omalizumab in Tallaght University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Deputy David Cullinane**

Currently 4 patients are waiting to be assessed for suitability to commence this treatment. Once assessed as suitable a business case is prepared by the team for our Drug and Therapeutics Committee due to the high cost of the drug. To date Tallaght University Hospital has supported all applications.

Due to Covid-19 OPD restrictions and staff redeployment this assessment clinic has been on hold and has only recommenced.

Yours sincerely

**MR JOHN KELLY  
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**