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Mr Matt Shanahan TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 53806 - To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the oversight in relation to signage at University Hospital Waterford (details supplied) will be addressed as soon as possible in the interests of patient communications; if he will provide a target date for the addition and completion of such branding at the main gate of the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: The minister may be aware of a signage totem at the main gate of University Hospital Waterford which carries associated HSE branding but has no mention of the hospital being one of the eight approved national centres within the national clinical cancer care programme

Dear Deputy Shanahan

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.

All eight (8) approved cancer centres including University Hospital Waterford (UHW) are Model 4 Acute Hospitals which have multiple designations (emergency departments, trauma centres, specialist surgical services etc.) and being a designated cancer centre is among these titles. These designations, including the cancer centre designation are detailed on the UHW webpage at the following link (<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/3/acutehospitals/hospitals/waterford/>). Due to the number of designations that UHW has it is currently not possible to include all designations on the signage for the hospital.

The other approved cancer centre within South/ South West Hospital Group is Cork University Hospital (CUH) and similar to UHW, they also do not include reference to the hospital being a cancer centre on its signage due to the multiple other designations and specialities at the hospital.

UHW as a designated cancer centre is in a position to submit business cases for new services developments related to cancer services as part of the National Service Planning process through the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP).

We will keep the signage related to UHW under review.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grace Rothwell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Grace Rothwell
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