



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

28th September 2021

Deputy Murphy
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2.

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PQ 44251/21* - To ask the Minister for Health the way consultants and surgeons communicate with the admissions office in relation to elective surgeries regarding patients and waiting lists changes.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

Response

The national inpatient, day case, planned procedure (IDPP) waiting list management protocol which was published in 2017 outlines the guidance to support optimal practice for the management and scheduling of patients on inpatient, day case and planned procedure hospital waiting lists. This includes the way consultants and surgeons communicate with the admissions office in relation to elective surgeries regarding patients and waiting lists changes.

Key areas in relation to the request above are included in the protocol including:

Section 4. Source of Referral

Section 5. Clinical Priority

Section 6. Adding a Patient to the Waiting List

Section 7. Adding a Patient to the Planned Procedure List

The full protocol is available at

<https://www.ntpf.ie/home/pdf/National%20Waiting%20List%20Management%20Protocol.pdf>

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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