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Mr David Cullinane
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 46874 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will give consideration to providing additional cardiologists for the second catheterisation laboratory at University Hospital Waterford; the number of additional cardiologists are being thought; and funding allocated for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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.

Currently there are 5 Consultant Cardiologist posts funded and approved for UHW. Of these 5 posts, 3.6 are filled and one is vacant, 2.6 have interventional skills. The vacant post is in the permanent recruitment process (Shortlisting completed). We have been twice unsuccessful in recruiting a temp replacement.

The updated Business Case regarding the 2nd Cath Lab / 24/7 is currently under review at South South West Hospital Group. It is estimated that 8wte Consultants are required.

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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