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Mr Niall Collins TD  
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**\*To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the waiting time for colposcopy appointments in Limerick is so long; the plans to improve the service availability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Niall Collins**  
**Details supplied: Women are waiting up to 12 months for an appointment, this is not acceptable**

Dear Minister Collins,

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.

Colposcopy referrals are graded by a clinician when received by UL Hospitals Group. All urgent graded referrals are seen within two weeks from when they are received.

In line with key performance indicators set out by Cervical Check, all high grade referrals are seen within four weeks and low grade referrals within eight weeks.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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**UL Hospitals Group**