

CC/AK/MC

01st March 2022

Mr Alan Kelly TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 7639/22

*** To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year capital and current costs that would be required to increase the opening hours of the heart failure clinic at Nenagh Hospital from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday to 9am to 7pm on Monday to Friday and 10am to 5pm on Saturday.**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

To enable the Heart Failure Clinic at Nenagh Hospital to expand its opening hours to 9 am to 7 pm Monday to Friday and 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday a number of additional resources would be required across a range of disciplines.

We anticipate that it would cost approximately €136,941 per year to expand the opening hours of the Heart Failure Clinic in Nenagh Hospital. There are no plans at present to expand the opening hours of this service.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
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