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“ To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to ensure the pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) services are available in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy Cairns

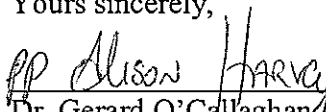
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Cork PrEP service commenced in the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital (SIVUH) in 2020. There are currently 294 PrEP service users registered with the PrEP clinic in SIVUH. Existing PrEP users continue to be seen for PrEP review, monitoring prescriptions as required.

The PrEP service in SIVUH closed to new PrEP service users on Monday 4th October 2021 and will remain closed to new PrEP users until the PreP Clinical Nurse Manager is in post. The shortlisting for the Clinical Nurse Manager post has occurred and interviews for the post will be held very soon.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Gerard O'Callaghan
Interim Chief Executive Officer