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Deputy Michael McNamara
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Re: PO 9313/22 – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of days per week the new Lymphoedema Specialist Clinic in Ennis, Co. Clare was in operation in 2021; the number of patients currently awaiting appointments at the lymphoedema clinic; the length of the waiting times for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy McNamara,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to advise that the Lymphoedema Clinic, opened in Ennis, Co. Clare on the 17th May, 2021. The Clinic is operational five days per week (Monday – Friday) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

I can also confirm that 194 referrals have been received to date and 43 patients are currently awaiting their first appointment to attend the service. The table below provides a breakdown of the patients currently on the waiting list to be called for their first appointment:

Patient priority classification	Approx. waiting time	Longest waiting time
Priority 1 (P1)	6 – 12 weeks	13 patients on waiting list
Priority 2 (P2)	12 – 24 weeks	6 patients on waiting list (longest wait time = 20 weeks)
Priority 3 (P3)	24+ weeks	24 patients on waiting list (longest wait time = 25 weeks)

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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