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Deputy Sean Fleming
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 63507/21 – *To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish infusion suites in Kilkenny Hospital and Waterford Hospital for patients with multiple sclerosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Fleming,

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 am advised by the CEO of the South Southwest Hospital Group that University Hospital Waterford (UHW) management have confirmed that they recently met with the Neurology Department in UHW to discuss the establishment of infusion suites for MS patients. It was agreed that the Neurology Department would submit a written proposal to hospital management in relation to this matter over the coming weeks.

I am advised by Ireland East Hospital Group that St Luke's Hospital Kilkenny currently administers infusions for specific conditions (eg Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, Asthma, Sarcoidosis, Neuronal Axonopathy). I understand that to develop this service for MS patients would require additional resources. The Ireland East Hospital Group would consider any proposals in this regard in the first instance.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory
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