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To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons waiting for an appointment for the genitourinary medicine and sexually transmitted disease clinic in the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital in Cork.

Dear Deputy O'Laoghaire

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.

Most patients are seen in the Sexual Health Clinic in the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital within 2 weeks. If a patient has serious concerns, this can be escalated and a patient can be given an appointment within 2 days.

Patients are also given the option to access the online platform SH24. If they require a routine screen and are not symptomatic this might suit them better. They can access a test kit online where it is delivered to their house and is free of charge.

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,

Br. Gerard O'Callaghan

Interim Chief Executive Officer