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Mr David Cullinane TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 39661 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent cardiologists and associated staff, by grade, needed to extend primary percutaneous coronary intervention services at University Hospital Waterford to 24/7 cover when the second catheterisation laboratory is open and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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.

#### **Interventional Cardiologists**

It has been identified that the Interventional Cardiologist requirement to provide a 24/7 service would be 8 WTEs.

#### **Cardiac Physiologists**

To extend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cath Lab intervention service to an 8am-8pm service as well as an on call service to cover from 8pm to 8am, with 2 Senior Cardiac Physiologists off post call daily, UHW would require an additional 4 WTE Senior Cardiac Physiologists.

#### **Nursing**

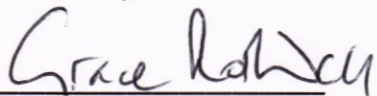
Based on the fact the 2<sup>nd</sup> cardiac cath lab will soon be operating on an 8am to 8pm basis Monday to Friday, an additional 5.0 WTE Nursing Posts would be required to cover night time/weekends and Bank holidays

#### **Radiology**

To extend the service to an 8am-8pm service with on-call service to cover from 8pm-8am, with a radiographer off post-call each day, UHW would require an additional 1.75 WTE Senior Radiographers to accommodate this service.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grace Rothwell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Grace Rothwell**  
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