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RE: PQ29351/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the details of the average waiting times for an x-ray in Ballina District Hospital currently; the average waiting time over the last number of years; if there has been any increase in waiting times recently; if he will provide the details of the cause; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh

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

There are 274 patients on the waiting / appointed list as of now. There are also approximately 80 referrals from last week that are not yet vetted and up on the system.

Routine appointments today are six weeks, urgent appointments are up to 10 days. All patients that phone in about appointments / waiting times, etc, are encouraged to use Mayo University Hospital and Primary Care Services for quicker times at the moment, but there is significant resistance particularly for elderly and patients who cannot drive.

In the last six months, the waiting list for routine appointments has not dropped below four weeks for routine x-ray's. Covid chest x-rays have affected this, as well as the entire staff here having had Covid in March.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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