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2nd August 2022

**Deputy Michael Healy Rae, TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2**

PQ: 34818/22

Dear Deputy Healy Rae,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the plans his Department has put in place to lower the wait period of 58 weeks for audiology in UHK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Healy-Rae

Details Supplied: Minister the wait time of 58 weeks is very unfair on people for an audiology appointment. The HSE shut the community audiology department on the John Joe Sheehy road in Tralee, Co Kerry during the pandemic. This service has not recommenced.

Please be advised that this query is for Kerry Community Services not University Hospital Kerry.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



**Fearghal Grimes
General Manager
University Hospital Kerry**