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Deputy Bernard Durkan

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

PQ 17267/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which ready access to treatment for patients requiring cardiovascular, endoscopy and oncology is expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Durkan,

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.

Scheduled Care, Acute Operations 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 wish to advise you that on the 25th of February the 2022 Waiting List Action Plan was launched. Through this Plan, €350 million is being allocated in 2022 to the Health Service Executive (HSE) and the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) to provide additional public and private activity to further stabilise and reduce scheduled care waiting lists and waiting times, in tandem with bringing forward much needed longer-term reforms. A key focus of the 2022 Waiting List Action plan is to ensure that the required activity levels are delivered, and key enablers are in place, to ensure that inroads are made in relation to addressing long waiters. The NTPF publishes monthly data relating to endoscopy waiting lists they does not hold waiting list data specifically relating to Cardiovascular or Oncology.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory

General Manager,

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