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To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to introduce the Pathfinder programme which is in operation at Beaumont Hospital in the mid-west region to help alleviate pressures on University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Maurice Quinlivan

Dear Deputy Quinlivan,

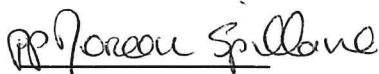
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

There are plans in place to introduce the Pathfinder Programme in Mid-West region. Recruitment campaigns are currently ongoing to support the launch of this service. I am pleased to let you know that interviews are due to take place in the coming weeks for a Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Senior Physiotherapist and Senior Occupational Therapist. In addition, the National Ambulance Service has identified two Advanced Paramedics to support this programme.

Once staff are in place we will be able to indicate when the Pathfinder Programme will launch in the Mid-West region.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



**Prof Colette Cowan**  
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