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PQ 57678/22 - Pain Management Clinic

Dear Deputy Harkin,

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

Response:

Pain Service has been fully operationally throughout 2022 with both outpatient clinics and day case activity ongoing for Chronic Pain. A service interruption to Chronic pain outpatient clinics has taken place in October and November. However, a plan is now in place to recommence these clinics in the next two weeks.

Service enhancements took place in 2021 with the restarting, post covid, of Acute Pain Management Programme to provide much needed service for patients living with acute pain. There is a team of 6.4 wtes working in across this service area, in addition to one permanent Consultant in Pain Medicine and one consultant who is due to take up permanent post in 2023.

I trust that this addresses your query.

Yours sincerely,

Grainne McCann, Hospital Manager.