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Deputy Micheal Ring,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Ring,

**Re: PQ57681\_22:** To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable for GPs to have to refer patients to a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

“GPs have to refer residents of North Mayo to an injury clinic in County Roscommon, approximately two hours away for an x-ray”

The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above Parliamentary Question / Public Representation that you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. The following outlines the position.

There are currently two pathways available to GPs for referral of patients who require urgent treatment for a minor injury. GPs may refer patients to the Emergency Department in their nearest hospital, or alternatively to an Injury Unit, which tend to offer significantly shorter wait times for patients requiring treatment of a minor injury and access to diagnostics including x-ray.

The nearest Injury Unit for patients in North Mayo is currently located at Roscommon University Hospital. However the Emergency Departments in both Mayo and Sligo University Hospitals University Hospital remain open to all members of the public who require treatment for an injury.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Kind regards,

Mary

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Garvey".

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