



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Office of the Head of Primary Care
South East Community Healthcare
HSE Offices, Lacken
Dublin Road
Kilkenny

Telephone +353 56 7784100

20th September 2022

Mr. David Cullinane TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 44506/22

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a sexually-transmitted infection clinic in Waterford; the availability of STI testing kits in Waterford; his plans to expand STI screening service in Waterford; the steps that his Department is taking to fund and resource this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.

The Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) service in Waterford has commenced initially on a half time basis since Monday 5th September 2022 increasing capacity to providing a full service by end of September 2022.

In relation to the availability of STI testing kits in Waterford, staff are currently retraining on the integration between the online testing platform and the public STI Clinic which will provide access to online testing and also onsite testing.

STI screening will be available onsite within the Public Clinic and also through the online integrated platform once staff training is complete.

The Department of Health have provided funding for a Genito-Urinary Consultant Specialist for STI services in South East Community Healthcare and specialised preparatory training for medical personnel.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna Marie Lanigan".

Anna Marie Lanigan
Head of Service-Primary Care/Assistant National Director
South East Community Healthcare