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Mr Matt Shanahan TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 17594 - To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter concerning cardiology services at University Hospital Waterford (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter
Details supplied: The minister would be aware of the commitment of the government to see seven day 8-8 cardiac catheterization services available at University Hospital Waterford as soon as possible - a new cardiology appointment taking up position in July 2023 will bring the whole time cardiology team equivalent on site to over 5 which can manage the new extended 7 day rota pending further appointments to the service. A budgetary Service plan is required to provide the extension to seven day cath lab activity - will the minister confirm that such a budget is ringfenced and approved within the southwest hospital group budget plan to commence this activity in quarter 2023 with the opening of the second cath lab which is the latest HSE appointed date

Dear Deputy Shanahan

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can confirm that University Hospital Waterford currently have 3.6 WTE Interventional Cardiologists. The new appointment will see UHW with 4.6WTE Interventional Cardiologists. Once the new appointee commences on site, discussions will be held re commencement of Saturday & Sunday 8am – 8pm service and any increase in costs associated.

Yours sincerely,

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