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**RE: PQ ref 5772/23**

**RE: To ask the Minister for Health if Naas General Hospital has availed of any public or private external services that have been provided to it by HSE acute services in reducing the number of patients on hospital waiting lists for dermatology, and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ryan,

In 2014 Naas General Hospital (NGH) employed one full-time dermatology consultant. At this time dermatology patients were outsourced to a private facility to ensure that patients had access to their care and follow-up in a timely manner, as demand against capacity was high at that time.

Since then we have employed a further two dermatology consultants and we no longer outsource patients to private facilities. When required we schedule additional clinics to reduce the number of patients on the waiting list utilising additional funding through the National Patient Treatment Fund (NPTF).

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely,



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