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Mr John McGuinness TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 6559 - To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in providing colposcopy and cervical check results to patients attending UHW; and if all those affected by the unacceptable delay will be contacted and updated on their tests.

Dear Deputy McGuinness

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.

The demand on Histology Services at University Hospital Waterford greatly exceeds our capacity and we have an ever increasing workload with rises in complex/cancer cases.

In respect of histology results, urgent samples are being prioritised and are not impacted. However, UHW is experiencing a continuing backlog in the reporting of non-urgent histology cases.

We apologise for the inconvenience that this situation is causing for patients. However, I can assure you that we are working to address the backlog and additional sessions are being undertaken by staff in UHW to reduce the turnaround time of non-urgent samples.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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