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RE: To ask the Minister for Health the reason an Irish citizen living in the Britain cannot access dialysis treatment in Castlebar University Hospital or Galway University Hospital when they come home for more than two days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Rose Conway-Walsh

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

In response to your query, GUH are aware of the restricted nature of patients receiving dialysis treatments and we endeavour to provide a holiday dialysis service to patients where possible. However to accommodate this an appropriate pathway must be followed and sufficient notice must be given as we may have to reschedule our regular patients to source capacity. Patients requesting holiday dialysis are individually assessed by the holiday dialysis co-ordinator/and or the Clinical Nurse Manager (taking into account patient needs, the numbers of dialysis patients at the time / our own patients on holidays etc).

The person seeking Dialysis should contact the Irish Kidney Association Holiday Co-Ordinator Deborah Cervi.

Email Deborah@IKA.ie or Phone (01) 6205306.

Deborah assists with the dialysis services nationally and internationally and will assist with connecting individual with the respective units.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Kane
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