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**Marian Harkin TD,  
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Date 09.03.2023

PQ 7566/23

Dear Deputy Harkin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Public Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

**Response:**

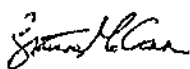
The two physiotherapists who previously provided the physiotherapy portion of the lymphoedema service in SUH, left the lymphoedema service in October 2022.

A replacement physiotherapist was recruited in October 2022 and is currently undergoing intensive lymphoedema training. When this physiotherapist has completed their training and undertaken any related examinations, they will be in a position to recommence the service in SUH which is expected to be in in April 2023.

In addition a new lymphoedema service opened in Primary Care Community Care Sligo/Leitrim in October 2022 for any new or existing patients who wish to access a fully resourced lymphoedema service via their General Practitioner.

I trust that this addresses your query.

**Yours sincerely,**



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**Grainne McCann,  
Hospital Manager.**

*Mission Statement*

*Sligo University Hospital is committed to the delivery of a high quality, patient centred service in a safe, equitable and efficient manner.  
We recognise and value the contribution of each staff member and endeavour to support them in their ongoing development.*