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12th January, 2023

REF: PQ1531/23

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the funding and staffing resources that would be required to increase the opening hours of the complex menopause clinic at Galway University Hospital from one afternoon per week to three full days per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Claire Kerrane

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

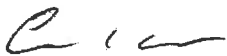
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

In response to your query, there are no plans to extend this service at present. The Complex Menopause Clinic commenced in GUH on the 14th November, 2022. Referral criteria has been agreed and sent out to all GP's and referrals are being received from across the Saolta Group.

The clinic continues to run every Wednesday with the capacity to see up to 10 women. To date there has been no need to increase the number of clinics, however this may need to be reviewed in time as the clinics start to get busier.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Kane
General Manager
Galway University Hospitals