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Deputy Donnchadh O'Laoghaire Dail Eireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for direct referrals for oncology patients to the oncology ward to be implemented in Cork University Hospital.

Dear Deputy O'Laoghaire

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Oncology patients can get direct access to an inpatient by via the Patient Consultant or patients that are on active oncology treatment can attend the Acute Oncology Service where they will be reviewed and admitted if necessary.

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,

Chief Executive Officer