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10th July 2023

Deputy Brendan Griffin TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2

PQ Number: 30739/23

Dear Deputy Griffin,

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the damage that was caused by the recent flooding event at University Hospital Kerry; the monetary cost of the damage; if the event could have been prevented; which locations in the facility were directly impacted by flood waters/leaks; the disruption to patients, both immediate and delayed that was caused; if management has a plan to deal with any future similar events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Griffin

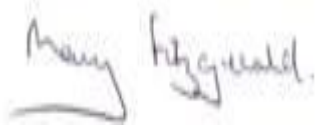
Cardiology Outpatient Diagnostics and the Conference Room were damaged due to the flooding; both areas are currently being assessed in terms of the monetary cost of the damage.

There was minimal disruption to patients, a small number of outpatient appointments were cancelled from Monday to Wednesday but all have since been rescheduled and seen.

It was unprecedented the level, speed and volume of rainfall that day which affected the town of Tralee. We are currently in consultation with HSE Estates and Kerry County Council to confirm plans for any future similar events.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mary Fitzgerald
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