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PQ20716/23* *“To ask the Minister for Health if the use of the cross-Border directive will be proactively encouraged by the HSE to try to reduce waiting lists where appropriate for patients.”*

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

Thank you for your parliamentary question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

I can confirm that my office provided wording regarding the CBD & NIPHS schemes for consideration to be included on the waiting list letter issued to patients. The communication issued to each of the CEO's of the Hospital Groups for the Waiting List Co-Ordinators of each of the acute hospitals.

I welcome your PQ as a reminder to issue a follow up communication regarding same and I can confirm an updated letter has been drafted and is under review by the Assistant National Director of the HSE National Schemes and Reimbursements Directorate in this regard.

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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