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12th June 2023

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

PQ Number: 23266/23

Dear Deputy Griffin,

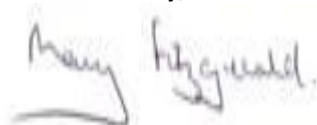
PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will reduce the average wait times for medical procedures in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Griffin

Details Supplied: The Haematology Department at University Hospital Kerry is understaffed and blood results are being delayed as a result. Under the National Treatment Purchase Fund can patients get their bloods taken at the Bons Secours Tralee. They have a lot of availability at present. It would make things more efficient for patients and GPs alike.

Recruitment for Medical Scientists to work within the Laboratory in UHK is ongoing.

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
General Manager
University Hospital Kerry