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RE: To ask the Minister for Health if Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, County Galway, has a representative radiologist at the weekly multidisciplinary team meetings in GUH to present cases from Portiuncula Hospital; if patients with complex cancers in Portiuncula Hospital have their cases heard in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Seán Canney


Dear Deputy Canney,

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 we can confirm that a Consultant Radiologist from Portiuncula University Hospital is participating in the Oncology MDT for the last 6 weeks. Previous to this, there was a significant number of vacancies in the Radiology Department at Portiuncula at Consultant level due to unplanned and unforeseen leave and as a result there was no Consultant Radiologist available for this MDT. There were other participants from Portiuncula at these MDT meetings at both Consultant and Nursing staff level.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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