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David Cullinane TD

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**RE: PQ19369/25 – 24/7 Cardiology Services University Hospital Waterford**

*To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the delivery of 24/7 interventional cardiology services at University Hospital Waterford; the additional WTE requirement for same; the existing WTE and headcount, and the basis on which the positions are filled whether permanent, temporary, contract, or vacant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane*

Dear Deputy Cullinane

The HSE Dublin and South East health region, (which includes University Hospital Waterford) welcomes the publication of the National Review of Adult Specialist Cardiac Services in Ireland.

The review, chaired by Professor Philip Nolan and supported by an expert and patient representative steering group, undertook an evidence-based, comprehensive national review of scheduled and unscheduled hospital-based services for the diagnosis and treatment of cardiac disease in adults.

The recommendations in its report set out the best way to achieve integration of cardiac services across primary, acute, and social community care. The HSE is preparing an implementation plan (for completion by June 2025) for the restructuring and strengthening of our National Heart Programme.

In line with the recommendations of the report of the National Review of Adult Specialist Cardiac Services in Ireland, this HSE implementation plan may include provision for primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) for acute heart attacks at University Hospital Waterford on a 24/7 basis.

In March, this service at UHW was extended, and the current opening hours are 8 am to 8 pm, seven days a week.

The HSE Dublin and South East health region including University Hospital Waterford welcomes the Minister for Health's announcement of her intention to see the delivery of 24/7 interventional cardiology services at the hospital. We look forward to working with our colleagues in the HSE and the Dublin and South East region to develop this service in the future.

Yours Sincerely,

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