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Re: To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the current capacity of the complex menopause clinic at University Hospital Galway, which is currently operating for only one half-day per week, despite a waiting list of eight–nine months; if consideration will be given to expanding this vital service to meet growing demand, particularly for women referred by oncologists and those experiencing early menopause due to cancer treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Albert Dolan

Dear Deputy Dolan,

The HSE 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 advise that currently, the funding provided for the Complex Menopause service facilitates one clinic per week which takes place on a Wednesday from 8.30a.m. - 2.30 p.m. This clinic is facilitated by a 0.2 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Consultant Doctor or GP specialised in Menopause which is for one day a week, 1 WTE Clinical Nurse Specialist and Administration Support of 0.5 WTE. Outside of the clinic times, the Clinical Nurse Specialist also follows up with patients and offers over the phone advice.

Additional funding has been recently received from the National Women & Infants Health Programme (NWIHP) to support the growing demand for women in the region to access specialist complex services. An additional 0.2 WTE Consultant post and 0.5 WTE Grade IV Administration post will support the expansion of the Complex Menopause Service in line with current demand. We will therefore be looking at recruitment accordingly to improve and enhance this vital service within the available funding allocation. It is expected that these resources will enable the provision of two additional specialist complex menopause clinics per week.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane
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