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Deputy Willie O'Dea,  
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Leinster House,  
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**PQ 7841/25**

Dear Deputy O'Dea,

I refer to your correspondence dated 20th February 2025.

Paracetamol, salicylate and alcohol testing are available 24/7 and there is a 90 minute turnaround time on same.

Drug abuse screening is available to consultants across our acute hospitals and there is a turnaround time of one working day for results. There has been no formal complaints made regarding accessing toxicology results.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind Regards,

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