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Deputy Catherine Ardagh
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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PQ 34868/25 - To ask the Minister for Health for an update on plans to develop a network of rapid outpatient clinics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Ardagh

Dear Deputy Ardagh,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Response:

The HSE (Health Service Executive) provides outpatient clinics as part of its broader system of healthcare delivery. Within the offering of outpatient clinics, rapid access clinics offer access to specialised multi-disciplinary team members for patients that have specific conditions e.g. rapid access lung and prostate clinics in St. James' Hospital.

Rapid access outpatient clinics are designed to streamline the process for patients needing outpatient care and potentially avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions. These clinics are integrated within the broader healthcare structure. Development of rapid access clinics is within the remit of each of the Regional Executive Officers.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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