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Deputy Michael Carrigy
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

RE: PQ 25 53410

Dear Deputy Carrigy

Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the below Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister of Health.

To ask the Minister for Health the current resourcing and staffing levels (consultant sessions, CNS posts, multidisciplinary supports) for interstitial lung disease/sarcoidosis services at Tallaght University Hospital and other centres; wheather additional funding or posts are planned in 2025/2026 to meet demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

The National Pulmonary Fibrosis referral Centre at Tallaght University Hospital, is led by Prof. Seamas Donnelly, the service receives referrals nationally and is the largest centre for the clinical care for these patients on the island of Ireland. Currently, it sees over 1,500 patients annually, of which 300 are new referrals and 60% are patients with Sarcoidosis.

Prof Donnelly provides clinical oversight and governance for the clinic, the clinic is supported by a registrar and specialist registrar. Nursing support is provided by a respiratory nurse specialist and trainee advanced nurse practitioner (ANP). The clinic is supported by pulmonary function facilities and a specialist physiotherapy service. Rapid referral services have been developed to clinical psychology and cardiology.

Additional resources are required to support the clinic, these requirements have been submitted as part of the 2026 service planning submission to the HSE

Yours sincerely,

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