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Mr. Ged Nash, T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 46428/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health if the 'lookback' review of matters relating to the miscategorising of pre-cancerous cells by a consultant at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda was prompted exclusively by the hospital's quality assurance process or were concerns over the performance of the consultant in question raised independently, and in any other context, with management; and if she will make a statement on the matter.*

Re: Parliamentary Question 46429/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the current employment status of the consultant who is the subject of the review into matters relating to the miscategorising of pre-cancerous cells by a medic at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda; if the consultant is still operating in a patient-facing role; if not, on which date were they taken out of a patient-facing role; are there any similar reviews currently underway into the actions of any other doctor at the hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.*

Re: Parliamentary Question 46430/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health for the date on which hospital management and the HSE were first informed of the issues that prompted the 'lookback' review into matters relating to the miscategorising of pre-cancerous cells by a consultant at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda; the steps management took from that date to the HSE's media statement announcing the review on the 26 August 2025; the date on which it was decided to carry out an independent review; and if she will make a statement on the matter.*

Re: Parliamentary Question 46813/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has referred a formal complaint to the medical council in relation to the professional conduct of a medic who worked at a hospital (details supplied) whose work is the subject of the review into the mis-categorisation of pre-cancerous cells; and if she will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Nash,

HSE Dublin and North East has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Histopathology specimens are reviewed as part of the Assurance Quality Framework. This is conducted through an established peer review process within the Hospital's Histopathology Department. Concerns relating to one Consultant was noted through this process.



The Consultant worked in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda from February to November, 2024 and is currently not working in Ireland. The Consultant was in place as a Locum during the recruitment of a Permanent position which has now been filled.

I can confirm that the review is still ongoing. So far, no further incorrect results have emerged and no further patients have been contacted.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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