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Deputy Marie Sherlock,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 49086/25 *"To ask the Minister for Health if she will address concerns raised by a group (details supplied), that delays in replacing outdated radiotherapy equipment are resulting in poorer outcomes for patients, poorer access to clinical trials; and if she will make a statement on the matter"*

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

In St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network, we treat patients in accordance with our clinical guidelines which follow international best practice. We have a very active clinical trials unit and enrolled 6% of patients on a clinical trial in 2024.

However, we do have aging radiotherapy equipment across our Network which leads to operational challenges on a daily basis. Newer radiotherapy equipment will allow for more efficient processes, and more advanced technologies could potentially lead to a broadening of clinical trial design and enrolment within the Network.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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