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Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett TD.,
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PQ 14291/24 To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that there are consistent scheduling issues at St. Vincent's Hospital where patient appointments are being delayed for significant lengths of time due to a lack of interdepartmental co-ordination leading to scheduling overlaps and delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

I refer to the above parliamentary question which was sent to me for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that in terms of the scheduling of outpatient appointments, St. Vincent's University Hospital currently has no delays in the booking of appointments. All appointments are booked in chronological order, depending on triage category. Waiting times can differ between each Department. Please advise if the above parliamentary question relates to a specific specialty and the matter can be examined further.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

Professor Michael Keane,
Interim Chief Executive Officer.