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Deputy Brian Stanley

Dáil Éireann

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**Re: PQ ref 14566/24** – *To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline, in respect of multidisciplinary meetings at St. James's Hospital, how the oversight of the National Clinical Guidelines No. 19 August 2019 on oesophageal cancer is conducted; if any independent review is conducted; and if so, if this review is published.*

Dear Deputy Stanley,

The upper gastrointestinal multidisciplinary meeting (MDM) process is conducted in line with the Oesophageal Guidelines developed in 2019 which are consistent with best evidence-based practice. The structure and process are also within the key standards of the accreditation process of the Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI) within which the Trinity St James's Cancer Institute is accredited. Decisions are recorded on our electronic patient record and data is monitored prospectively. No independent review other than the OECI process is undertaken for cancer MDMs.

Yours sincerely,



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