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Re: PQ 17967/24: To ask the Minister for Health the reason dermatology services at Letterkenny University Hospital and Sligo University Hospital have not been included as priority areas of focus in the National Waiting List Action Plan, given the high proportion of patients waiting over 18 months (per NTPF) for dermatology services in both hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Joe McHugh

Dear Deputy McHugh,

The National Waiting List Action Plan reform initiative will initially target the main acute centres, where 80% of national acute activity occurs. The focus is on the six named hospitals below with an opportunity to expand further when improvements within the hospitals below have been achieved.

1. University Hospital Waterford (UHW)
2. Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital (RVEEH)
3. South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital (SIVUH)
4. Mater Misericordiae University Hospital (MMUH)
5. Galway University Hospital (GUH)
6. Tallaght University Hospital (TUH)

We are currently completing a review of dermatology services across our region which we expect to be completed within the coming months. There are also two additional consultant dermatology posts advertised to support the North West service

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Cosgrove', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Ann Cosgrove,
Chief Operations Officer,
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