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REF: PQ 18641/24

RE: To ask the Minister for Health what steps are being taken to ensure there are a sufficient number of beds available in Galway University Hospital to meet demand, particularly as cancer treatments have been delayed as a result of a lack of beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Éamon Ó Cuív

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

Galway University Hospitals has been experiencing a significant number of admissions over recent weeks. Patients are admitted based on Clinical Prioritisation. Unfortunately this can mean delays for admission of some patients and we sincerely apologise for this delay.

We would like to assure you that we are making every effort to improve our patient flow and safely discharge patients where possible and patient lists for haematology/oncology admissions for treatment are reviewed on a daily basis.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Chris Kane  
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