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***PQ 56579/23 - To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of public hospitals refusing GP referrals for DEXA scans (details supplied); the reason for this policy in a number of hospitals; the steps being taken to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Róisín Shortall***

***Details supplied: I understand that the Mater, Beaumont and St. Vincent's are not accepting new referrals for DEXA scans and patients are being advised to go private.***

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Acute Operations contacted the RCSI Hospital Group (RCSI) and the Ireland East Hospital Group (IEHG), now the HSE Dublin and South East Region, for response.

I understand the RCSI Hospital Group have responded to you directly regarding the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and Beaumont Hospital

The included PDF comprises the response from IEHG.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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