

17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Mr Marc O' Cathasaigh TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 31861 - To ask the Minister for Health when cardiac care services at University Hospital Waterford will move to 8am-8pm, seven days a week, now that recruitment of the necessary staff can be progressed; to provide a timeline to expand it further to 24/7; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy O' Cathasaigh

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that University Hospital Waterford have begun recruitment in recent days for the 14.5 WTE staff required to provide an 8am to 8pm, 7 day service for On Call Stemi and we are working towards a three month timeline for the establishment of the service.

UHW have also submitted a Business Case through Ireland East Hospital Group and Acute Hospitals Management for 24/7 service and we await the outcome of that process.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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**General Manager**  
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**Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital**

