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Deputy Brian Stanley  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**RE: PQ ref 26230/24**

**Subject: To ask the Minister for Health to detail where residents of County Laois can avail of ear, nose and throat appointments, being mindful of the fact that a local resident was informed by the HSE that the closest hospital available for a consultation is Belfast Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Stanley,

Further to your recent correspondence, regarding the above, I can advise that Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore provides a regional ENT service which includes patients from the Laois area.

To clarify your query a recent NTPF funded initiative offered patients the opportunity to have their ENT procedure sooner in a private facility in Belfast. However if the patient declines this offer they remain on the waiting list in Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore and will be booked for their procedure in chronological order.

Trusting this clarifies your request.

If I can provide any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Catriona McDonald  
General Manager