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Deputy Brian Stanley

Dáil Éireann

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Re: PQ ref 45348/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the treatment options given in relation to the decisions of the multidisciplinary meetings at St. James's Hospital under the gastro-intestinal conference, with esophageal cancers determined likely invasive and not amenable to ENR; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Stanley,

A decision is made based on the likely depth of invasion of the tumour, predicted involvement of lymph nodes, and fitness of the patient for surgery. In some cases, surgery, either open or minimally invasive is recommended, in others, a non-operative approach with chemotherapy combined with radiation therapy, and in predicted more favourable cases, a consideration of endoscopic submucosal dissection.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Aisling Collins

Chief Operations Officer

