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26th January 2021

Mr Cathal Crowe TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

RE: PQ 1992/21

*** To ask the Minister for Health his plans to restore gastroenterologist services at Ennis General Hospital following the resignation of the previous gastroenterologist in October 2020 given that patients due to be seen in Ennis are left indefinitely on a waiting list at present. –Cathal Crowe**

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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.

All patients that were on the Ennis Gastroenterology Waiting List were reviewed by a Medical Consultant at Ennis General Hospital and in turn by a Consultant Gastroenterologist based in University Hospital Limerick.

Any patient deemed to be urgent will be provided with the next available appointment if they have not already received an appointment date.

UL Hospitals Group are actively pursuing the recruitment of a Consultant Gastroenterologist to provide services for patients currently attending the Gastroenterology service at Ennis General Hospital.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
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