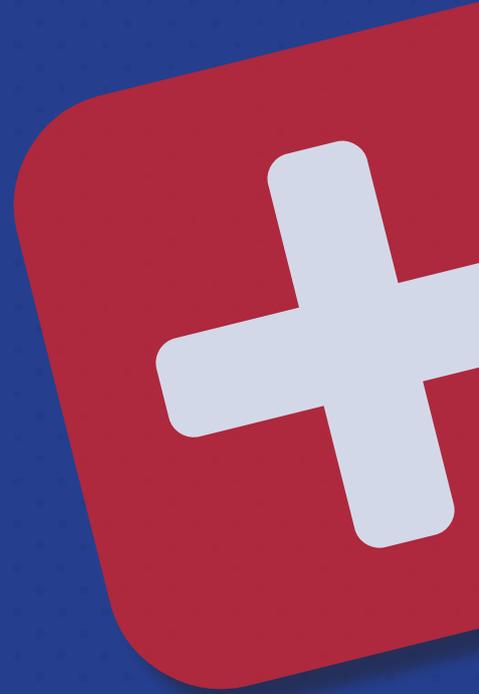




DELIVERING BETTER HEALTH CARE IN WATERFORD



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For ten years I have tracked capacity at University Hospital Waterford. The staff at the hospital are doing a first class job despite having one hand tied behind their backs. The pressure points in the delivery of critical care have been consistent for the last decade. Ophthalmology, ENT, Dermatology, Orthopaedics and Cardiac Care have all lacked capacity. This has resulted in longer wait times and tens of thousands of citizens waiting over a year simply to see a Consultant.

A lack of capacity is not just confined to acute health care. Mental Health, Orthodontic treatment, Home Helps and Geriatric Care support are also lacking and creating long lists and an inadequate service. For too long mental health has been the Cinderella of Irish Health Care. The CAHMS service is severely under resourced with a lack of child psychiatrists and children at risk ending up in adult psychiatric wards. This is unacceptable and should not be allowed to continue.

The fight for better cardiac services has been a lightning rod for a lack of investment and service delivery at University Hospital Waterford. It is unacceptable that patients in the South East do not have access to 24/7 Emergency Cardiac Care (PPCI). The Government dragged their feet for years and their recent conversion to the need for a second Cath Lab has soured an otherwise positive development.

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The people of Waterford and the Southeast are proud of the staff that work at University Hospital Waterford. They want to be proud of the hospital delivering the best in Health Care with reduced and more acceptable wait times. This will require investment and goodwill. The management at UHW are developing plans to increase capacity across all services. However a failure to realise those plans is eroding public confidence.

The plan to build a Centre of Excellence for Orthopaedics is an exciting one. However it must be funded and urgently delivered. The building of a new mortuary is a welcome development but it is 7 years too late. The battle for improved cardiac care can be made easier by the Department and the HSE recognising that the Southeast deserves equality of treatment. The development of a new Eye Clinic and advances in cancer treatment are also welcome but they need to be funded.

I will continue to do all I can to promote University Hospital Waterford and the good work that it does. I will equally challenge the HSE, the Department and the Minister to do more and deliver the capital and current expenditure required to increase capacity and services at the Hospital. There is an onus on local Oireachtas members to hold decision makers to account and to deliver for Waterford. That will continue to be my primary focus.

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Orthodontist Wait Times in Waterford massively increase



ROUTINE TREATMENT WAIT TIMES FOR ORTHODONTICS IN THE SOUTH EAST

Year	SECH Areas			
	Carlow/Kilkenny	South Tipperary	Waterford	Wexford
2014	42 months	40 months	37 months	46 months
2015	47 months	46 months	47 months	45 months
2016	50 months	50 months	51 months	55 months
2017	49 months	50 months	47 months	47 months
2018	54 months	54 months	54 months	54 months
2019 (to date)	59 months	60 months	60 months	59 months

DELAY IN CALLING FROM PRIORITY WAITING LIST IN RELATION TO IDEAL AGE FOR ORTHODONTICS IN THE SOUTH EAST

Year	Carlow/Kilkenny	South Tipperary	Waterford	Wexford
2014	Up to date	Up to date	Up to date	Up to date
2015	Up to date	Up to date	Up to date	Up to date
2016	-5 months	-4 months	-9 months	-10 months
2017	-6 months	-12 months	-13 months	-11 months
2018	-16 months	-16 months	-16 months	-16 months
2019 (to date)	-20 months	-20 months	-18 months	-16 months

THE PROBLEM:

The wait times for Orthodontic treatment in the Southeast are a disgrace. The problem is the lack of capacity. The solution is to increase capacity. It is not acceptable that patients have to wait up to 60 months for an appointment and up to 18 months for urgent treatment.

THE SOLUTION:

Waterford City and County needs to see a 100% increase in the number of Orthodontists working in the region.

HOME SUPPORT SERVICES

In Waterford in the present day there are 35 people on the Home Support waiting list. These people have been risk assessed to ensure that their clinical need is in warrant

of service immediately due to their vulnerability, It is not possible to estimate waiting times as services are provided on clinical assessment and high risk of vulnerability.





Autism Spectrum Disorder - Assessment Wait times

Below is a response from the HSE to Deputy David Cullinane on ASD assessment wait times

The HSE National Service Plan 2019 has acknowledged this need and the SECH have been successful in securing 15 additional posts to improve access and assessments for all children across the SECH. These posts will initially be prioritized to support diagnostic assessment across the SECH - while initially there may be a delay in receiving an appointment for an assessment it is anticipated that once these staff are in place and operating that the waiting timeframes will reduce for assessment and intervention for all children.

THE PROBLEM:

The HSE response does not paint the full picture. A new integrated regional waiting list will see children with Intellectual Disabilities in Waterford wait longer for a diagnosis and access to services and supports. It is not clear how many, if any, of the 15 additional therapist posts will be allocated to Waterford. It is vital that children in Waterford City and County are not left waiting years for a diagnosis as the new regional list takes shape.

THE SOLUTION:

- **The Waiting list should revert to a Waterford City and County List**
- **A fair regional spread of the 15 additional therapy posts**
- **Early intervention is critical and children with Autism need supports now**

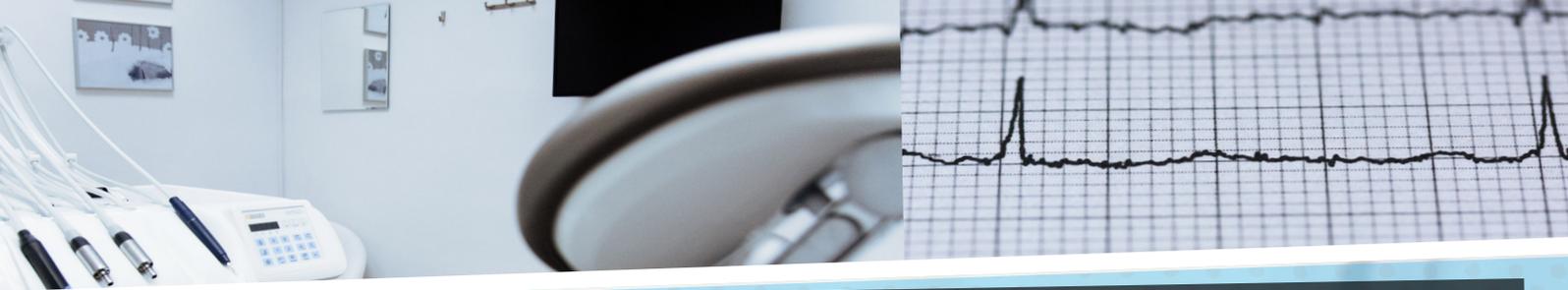
Outpatient Wait Times at University Hospital Waterford

Row Labels	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	1-2 Years	2-3 Years	3-4 Years	4+ Years	Grand Total
30 MAY 2019	9,121	5,372	4,541	3,881	9,870	5,227	1,914	177	43,103
Breast Surgery	539	409	334	221	287	4			1,794
Cardiology	470	301	133	110	296				1,310
Dermatology	1,005	548	576	528	1,576	665			4,898
Endocrinology	105	69	60	76	189	135	82	31	747
Gastro-Entrology	210	95	100	101	333	233	107		1,179
Gastro-Intestinal Surgery	28	59	77						164
General Surgery	263	115	65	50	59	2			554
Geriatric Medicine	111	20	7	4					142
Gynaecology	309	119	59	4	1				492
Haematology	175	59	28	8	9				279
Nepphrology	88	25	21	14	45	21	11	1	226
Neurology	216	216	174	144	487	144	107	57	1,545
Ophthalmology	1,049	435	324	174	550	247	164	4	2,947
Orthopaedics	1,315	975	1,051	1,025	1,267	959	236		6,828
Otolaryngology (ENT)	1,479	958	840	745	2,805	1,513	846	57	9,242
Paediatrics	247	158	95	66	17				585
Pain Relief	101	117	93	100	311	131	45		898
Respiratory Medicine	228	181	157	132	488	307	150	3	1,646
Rheumatology	346	128	84	87	288	233	113	24	1,303
Urology	551	286	227	267	757	616	53		2,757
Vascular Surgery	285	99	36	25	105	17			567
Small Volume	2								2



NEW EYE CLINIC FOR UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL WATERFORD

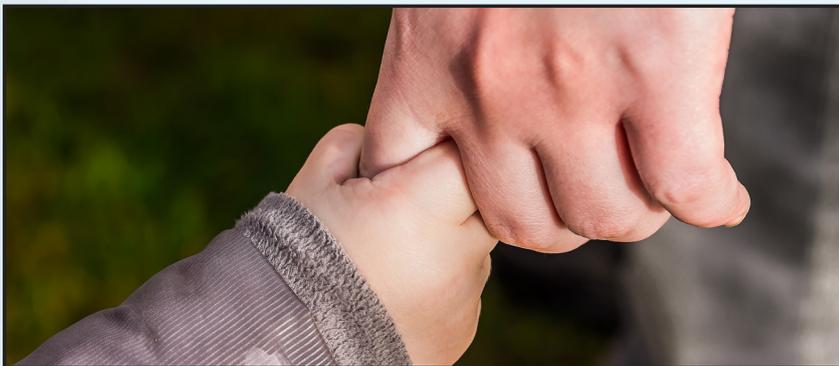
A Business Case was developed in July to develop a 'Shell Area' opposite the Theatre Complex in University Hospital Waterford for a 'High Flow Cataract Day Unit' at a cost of €1.825m. This business case was submitted to the South/Southwest Hospital Group to secure National Funding. This must be prioritised to reduce wait times in this area.



Funding Released for new mortuary for UHW

The HSE and the Department of Health have released funding to build a new mortuary on the grounds of UHW. The new building will have a gross floor area of 1035 sq. metres. The existing mortuary is 270 sq metres. The new state of the art building will include 4 post mortem tables, an increase of 2 tables. It will also include refrigerated storage for twenty bodies, an increase of fourteen spaces on the current mortuary. The cost is €5.67m resulting in much needed jobs and revenue for the county and region.

CHILDREN'S DISABILITY SERVICE FOR WATERFORD



The HSE has plans to develop a Children's Disability Service on the grounds of St. Otteran's Hospital Waterford. This plan has been approved for inclusion on the HSE Capital Plan and is currently awaiting funding. The HSE need to prioritise this plan and ensure it is delivered quickly. Early Intervention is key for children with disabilities - they must get the supports that they need and deserve as quickly as possible.

New Centre of Excellence for Orthopaedics at University Hospital Waterford

Wait times for Orthopaedics at University Hospital Waterford are unacceptably high. Over 2,500 patients are waiting between 1 to 4 years simply to see a Consultant. University Hospital Waterford has proposed a plan to advance Orthopaedic services in University Hospital Waterford. A Cost Benefit Analysis is currently being carried out and on completion of this HSE Estates will engage with Hospital Management to appoint a Design Team. This is an exciting project and will entail:

- Relocating current elective orthopaedic surgery from Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Centre to a new Unit on the grounds of University Hospital Waterford
- UHW to become a Centre of Excellence for Orthopaedics and provide all elective and trauma Orthopaedic surgery for the region
- Provide 24 hour on site access to medical and anaesthetic cover and critical beds





DUNMORE WING TO PROVIDE A NEW PALLIATIVE CARE UNIT AND 72 ACUTE BEDS

The Dunmore Wing at University Hospital Waterford consists of 5 floors. The bottom two floors will be home to a new Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Waterford. This will transform palliative care services in the region. The top three floors will provide 72 single, isolation and en-suite beds. Initially no additional revenue or year on year funding was provided to ensure these beds are new and additional to increase capacity. However the HSE are in discussions with Hospital Management on providing additional year on year funding to recruit new staff. It is crucial that additional funding is granted to hire staff to help open the facility as quickly as possible.



Robotic Surgery for University Hospital Waterford

University Hospital Waterford is one of six level 4 hospitals out of eight cancer care centres in Ireland who does not have access to robotic surgery for cancer care. A business case is currently being prepared in consultation with clinicians and management at the hospital for the introduction of Robotic Assisted Surgery at UHW. The South/SouthWest Hospital Group is fully supporting the submission. This needs to be progressed urgently and if delivered will enhance cancer care services at UHW in line with new technologies and best practice.



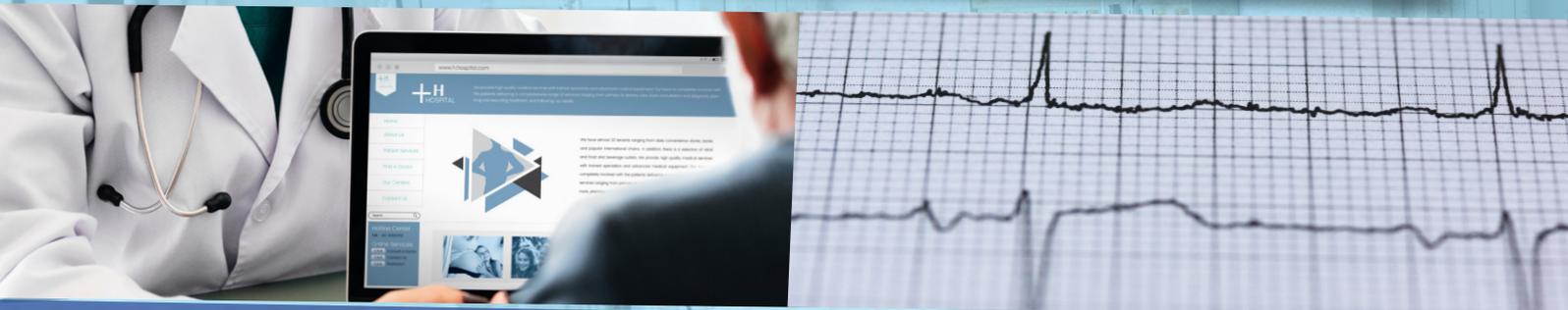
CARDIAC SERVICES AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL WATERFORD

The Minister for Health approved the delivery of a second permanent Cath Lab at University Hospital Waterford. The plan is to construct a Second Cath Lab on the grounds of the existing Lab. An additional Interventional Cardiologist will be hired to provide additional services. It is expected to take 18 months to deliver and become fully operational. **However it does not deliver 24/7 PPCI Emergency Care - this has to be a continuing priority and needs to be delivered.**



WHAT IS THE PROBLEM IN HEALTH CARE IN WATERFORD?

- + **40,103 patients waiting to see a Hospital Consultant**
- + **No 24/7 Emergency Cardiac Care**
- + **A 60 Month Waiting list to see an Orthodontist**
- + **A dire shortage of Child Psychiatrists at University Hospital Waterford**
- + **A lack of Child Psychologists and Speech and Language Therapists to support Children with a disability**
- + **A lack of Home Help Hours and Home Care Packages for the Elderly**
- + **Poor and inadequate Post-Mortem Services at UHW**



Solutions to increase capacity at University Hospital Waterford:

- ✓ **A business case to develop a High Flow Cataract Day Unit**
- ✓ **A plan to develop a Children's Disability Service on the grounds of St. Otteran's Hospital Waterford**
- ✓ **A cost benefit analysis being carried out to deliver a Centre of Excellence of Orthopaedics at UHW**
- ✓ **A new Palliative Care Unit and 72 Acute Beds**
- ✓ **Funding of €5.67m for a new Mortuary**
- ✓ **A business case to advance the introduction of Robotic Assisted Surgery for cancer care at UHW**
- ✓ **Funding for a Second Cath Lab to be delivered in 18 months**

ADDITIONAL SERVICES NEEDED

More investment in CAHMS

24/7 Emergency Cardiac Care

More Investment in Mental Health Care

More GPs in Waterford

More Primary Health Care Investment



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Is there something I can help you with? If so, I want to hear from you!

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