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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your recent written question asking what action I am taking to reduce the length of time patients have to wait to see a consultant urologist.

I have been very clear in my expectations to the NHS around the need for them to deliver improved waiting times across all services including urology. Particular national focus has been on the reduction of total waits over two years, and outpatient waits over 1 year.

Based on the September 2023 data:

- The number of waits over 2-years for urology has reduced by **31%** since April 2022
- The number of waits over 1-year for first outpatient appointments for urology has reduced by **40%** since April 2022

Urology is a challenged area of delivery for both increased cancer demand and routine pathways. I have tasked the planned care clinical implementation group of the planned care programme, to work with health boards to improve pathway working and shared learning to ensure equity of access for both cancer and routine RTT pathways.

Yours sincerely

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