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**Deputy Martin Kenny, TD,
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9th December 2019

PQ50188/19 : To ask the Minister for Health the status of the gynaecological services at Our Lady's Hospital, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim; if no reduction in gynaecological services at the hospital will be guaranteed

Dear Deputy Kenny,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Public Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

In response to your query re Gynae Service in Our Lady's Hospital Manorhamilton, I wish to advise that as from 11th December 2019 a new weekly Midwifery Antenatal Clinic will commence for normal (low) risk women at Our Lady's Hospital, Manorhamilton (OLHM). This change is in line with the implementation of key recommendations outlined in the National Maternity Strategy 2016-2026, which advocates the creation of Community Midwifery-led Antenatal Services for women with no risk factors in pregnancy. Women currently attending the ANC at OLHM will remain under the care of Dr Sharma and if they are considered normal (low) risk they will have their antenatal care provided by midwives. The current referral process/pathway remains unchanged and all new antenatal referrals will be seen at Sligo University Hospital (SUH) for their first booking visit and will have their follow up antenatal care either at the OLHM midwifery antenatal clinic or at the obstetric-led antenatal clinics at SUH, depending on their risk classification.

In addition, from the 11th December the Obstetrics & Gynaecology Outpatient Service currently provided in OLHM will move back to Sligo University Hospital. Women who are currently scheduled to attend the Obstetrics or Gynaecology Clinic in OLHM will be contacted directly and advised where their future appointment will be.

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I trust that this addresses your query.

Yours sincerely,



**Grainne McCann
General Manager**

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