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David Cullinane TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

PQ 12973 To ask the Minister for Health if a business case has been submitted by UHW for a new eye clinic; if this will provide Addison's cataract treatment; the costs involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

A business case was prepared in July 2017 at the request of the SSWHG (South/South West Hospital Group) to develop a vacant shell area opposite theatre complex in UHW for a "High Flow Cataract Day Unit" at a cost of €1.825m.

This business case was submitted by the Group nationally in an effort to secure national funding. I have been informed that the proposal has been agreed upon and that a design team is to be appointed. To date this request is in a queue for national funding.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Grace Rothwell
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