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UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL GALWAY  
MERLIN PARK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

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**PQ 20829/19 To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of modular theatres at Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Connolly**

Dear Deputy Connolly

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

The HSE terminated its letter of intent with the successful provider for the leased solution for this project in March 2019 after failing to reach agreement on the terms of the contract.

A revised procurement strategy has since been developed. The intention is to proceed with a rapid build traditional procurement capital project approach. The intention is to make use of the current planning application as part of this revised strategy.

It is planned to progress the detailed design of the project during 2019 with a view to being in a position to go to tender and to progress the construction of the build during 2020 subject to the necessary national approvals and availability of capital funding for same.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely

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