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Mr. Seán Haughey, T.D,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 38603/19 *“To ask the Minister for Health if a new emergency department and a cystic fibrosis unit will be provided at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin 9, without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy Haughey,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

New Emergency Department

In regard to development of a new Emergency Department, I can confirm this requirement for Beaumont Hospital was approved and included in the HSE 2018 Capital Programme with two immediate design requirements, specifically selection of site location and subsequent development of detailed design in terms of size and general functionality.

Both of these requirements have been completed and planned department will provide the following schedule of accommodation:

50 treatment bays - ground level
25 assessment bay - 1st floor level
Minors - 11
Majors - 39
Resus - 4
Assessment Unit - 25
Total Floor space - 5,600sqm²
Reception area - 414sqm²

Capital costs have been identified as €51m, with total construction time being set at 3.5 years. The Hospital is currently awaiting agreement from HSE to move to next stage of this important development that being design application for planning permission.

Cystic Fibrosis Unit:

The plan is a two storey block with a lower ground storey for plant equipment. The block will contain 20 lobbied and ensuite single rooms. There would be 10 single rooms on each floor with associated support facilities around a central nurse base.

The two storeys of patient accommodation will be connected into the main Hospital circulation via an interpenetrating corridor link.



There will be the provision of appropriate 'drop-off' facilities to permit entry into the CF unit directly as and when required, this will be clearly marked, will be safe and convenient and comply with all appropriate standards.

The site design and overall scheme development will be based upon the precedent for new build which has been set by the development of a previous approved capital development of a modular building located within the H-shape of the main hospital building which has secured all statutory permissions (completed in 2009).

The programme of works, if commenced and delivered aggressively and without unforeseeable delay is estimated at 24 months.

Cost Estimate for the facility is €11m.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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