



Ms. Catherine Connolly, TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2

21st December 2020

PQ 42335/20 * To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he has had with the HSE with regard to the planned orthopaedic theatre in Merlin Park University Hospital; the status of the new orthopaedic theatre; if building work has commenced to date; if his Department has carried out an analysis into the effect of the delay in delivery of the new theatre on waiting lists in Merlin Park University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Connolly

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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.

The tender process for the proposed Orthopaedic Theatres for Merlin Park University Hospital is currently finalising with separate tendering for a Main Contractor and Reserved Specialists (Mechanical and Electrical Contractors). The tender process for the main contractor has completed and Letters of Intent (LoI) have issued to the successful Mechanical and Electrical reserved specialists. We would hope to conclude the tender process in January 2021 and appoint the Main Contractor along with the Reserved specialists for the project.

Attached please find a briefing note provided by the Service on Merlin Park Modular Theatres Orthopaedics.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran
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