

18th December 2020

Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett T.D.,
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Re: PQ 44007/20 - Orthopaedic clinic, St. Vincent's Hospital

"To ask the Minister for Health if the orthopaedic clinic in St. Vincent's Hospital is open; if not, when it will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the orthopaedic clinic in St. Vincent's Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that Covid-19 resulted in the curtailment of outpatient clinics in St Vincent's University Hospital. The orthopaedic service continued to operate providing a virtual clinic service to patients. Trauma clinics are operating on a daily basis. Orthopaedic outpatient clinics will resume in the New Year.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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