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**Re: PQ 14858/20 – Scanning machine for mesh implants, National Maternity Hospital.**

**“To ask the Minister for Health if the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street has received a new scanning machine for mesh implants; and if staff have received training on the way to use it”**

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on a new scanning machine for mesh implants in the National Maternity Hospital (NMH), which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

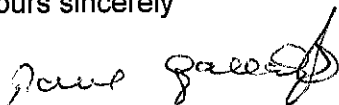
I have had this matter examined and am advised that the National Maternity Hospital procured a Pelvic floor Ultrasound scanner in late 2019 and it arrived on site in mid-January 2020. However, a vital component delivered with the machine was faulty and by the time the replacement arrived, Covid 19 restrictions were in-place.

Training on the use of the machine for NMH and Cork University Hospital was arranged with Dr. Raneer Thaker who was due to travel from the UK to Dublin. However, two weeks prior to her departure, lockdown was imposed and Dr Thaker did not travel. We are looking at further dates for her to come when travel restrictions are lifted.

In addition to training from Dr Thaker, clinical and technical training on the scanner and work station will be provided by MED Surgical. This training will also be arranged as soon as Covid 19 restrictions allow.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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