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Deputy Patrick Costello
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 34955/20 *To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that currently operate a helipad within hospital grounds that are opened on a 24/7 basis; and the hospitals that have a helipad within hospital grounds but are not opened on a 24/7 basis.*

Dear Deputy Costello,

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 information which you have requested is held by the Hospital Groups and the information provided is detailed below.

South/South West Hospital Group

The South/ South West Hospital Group currently has 3 hospitals with a helipad on hospital grounds. The helipads in Bantry General Hospital (BGH), University Hospital Kerry (UHK) and University Hospital Waterford (UHW) are all operational on a 24/7 basis, however, the helipad in UHW can accommodate the AW139 operations only, i.e. Army Air Corp helicopters as it does not meet the clearance standard which is required for the coastguard helicopters.

Please note that plans are underway to construct a helipad at Cork University Hospital and this is included on the Group's list of capital priorities.

Saolta Hospital Group

I am advised that Galway University Hospital, Mayo University Hospital and Letterkenny University Hospital have helipads that are currently operational 24/7.

Sligo University Hospital has a helipad which is currently undergoing upgrade works, due for completion mid December. Following this, the Helipad should be fully operational 24/7.

Portiuncula University Hospital and Roscommon University Hospital do not have helipads.

RCSI Hospital Group

I understand that you have already received communication from Beaumont regarding this, which I attach again here for your convenience. I am advised by the RCSI HG that Beaumont is the only hospital in the Group that has helicopter access.

University of Limerick Hospital Group

I am advised that University Hospital Limerick has one helipad which is in operational use 24/7.

I am awaiting a response from CHI, Ireland East and Dublin Midlands Hospital Groups and I will provide a supplementary update with this information when available.

I trust that this is of assistance

Yours sincerely,



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