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RE: PQ 22914/20

*** To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the current funding imbalance for University Hospital Limerick compared to other model 4 national hospitals to bring it to the national average; the projected cost for this in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Alan Kelly**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

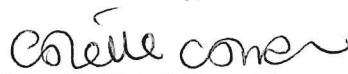
The allocation for UL Hospitals Group is based on the HSE service plan for 2020 and the group is required to deliver a volume of activity consistent with the available funding.

The completion of a 60 bed block later this year will increase the bed capacity in the group and will add excess of 140 WTE to the workforce. This will be in addition to the provision of a 24 single bed ward block and a separate 14 bed unit. Croom Orthopaedic Hospital has recently completed a new 24 bed block and work is underway to build for additional theatres and ancillary services. The works which will be completed in Q1 2021 will increase the bed capacity and double the theatre space in the hospital.

The group has developed proposals for addition capacity and these will be evaluated and considered as part of the 2021 estimates process.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
UL Hospitals Group

