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Mr Marc Ó Cathasaigh TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 6169 - To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there is need for the return of the modular cath laboratory at UHW as an interim measure given that the completion of the second cath laboratory is likely to be 2022 and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy O' Cathasaigh

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can confirm that diagnostic procedures are now being undertaken in the Cath Lab at UPMC Whitfield under an agreed Service Level Agreement, equivalent to that of the previous Mobile Unit which was staffed by UK staff.

The current Covid 19 pandemic, which is unprecedented in Irish healthcare, is having an impact on all hospital services but normal and agreed activity will resume as soon as possible and in line with easing of restrictions.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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