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Deputy Thomas Gould,
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RE: PQ 15746/21

*** To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reopen trauma theatres in St. Steven's Hospital, Cork to deal with orthopaedic surgery waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Thomas Gould**

Dear Deputy Gould,

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

The South/ South West Hospital Group (S/SWHG) can confirm that there are currently no plans to reopen trauma theatres in St. Steven's Hospital, Sarsfieldcourt, Glanmire, Cork. However, discussions are currently ongoing in relation to the potential reopening of the old Orthopaedic theatres in St. Mary's Health Campus, Gurrabraher for day case activity pending a review by HSE Estates.

The S/SWHG can confirm that elective Orthopaedic surgery recommenced in the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital (SIVUH) on 12th March 2021 following the repatriation of the Trauma Service to Cork University Hospital (CUH) which was accommodated in SIVUH during the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Group continues to work with the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) to assist with Orthopaedic Surgery waiting times.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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