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Re: PQ 24184/21 – IVF services, NMH

**"To ask the Minister for Health if the full range of IVF services will be available in the new national maternity hospital to be built at St Vincent's Hospital as part of the public healthcare system; if surgical sterilisation procedures will be available to women in the new hospital as part of the public healthcare system; if funding will be provided by his Department or the HSE to the new hospital for IVF services; if funding will be provided by his Department or the HSE to the new hospital for surgical sterilisation services; and if he will make a statement on the matter."**

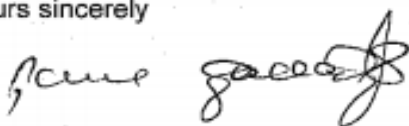
Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking information regarding IVF and other services in the National Maternity Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that with regards to the IVF services there is currently a proposal to have an ART Laboratory and embryo transfer facilities in the new hospital but as this service is not currently funded by the Government, a funding structure will need to be identified for this service to be provided as is currently the case with Merrion Fertility Clinic at the current National Maternity Hospital. Funding of public assisted reproductive services has recently been introduced and staff have been appointed to positions to provide this service and will continue to do so at the new National Maternity Hospital. Surgical sterilisation procedures will be available to women in the new Hospital.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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