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**Re: PQ 54765/21 – St. Vincent's Healthcare Group**

**“To ask the Minister for Health if St. Vincent's Healthcare Group is a section 38 or a section 39 organisation; if St. Vincent's University Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital, Dún Laoghaire are currently funded under section 38 or section 39; if the funding arrangements that currently apply are to continue into the future; and, if not, the arrangements that are envisaged including with reference to the planned new maternity hospital.”**


Dear Deputy Shortall,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking information regarding the St. Vincent's Healthcare Group, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that St. Vincent's Healthcare Group DAC is not a Section 38 or a Section 39 funded organisation. However, two of its hospitals, St. Vincent's University Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital, Dún Laoghaire are both funded under section 38 of the Health Act. It is expected that these funding arrangements will continue into the future. The planned new maternity hospital is expected to be funded under section 38 as is the current National Maternity Hospital located at Holles street.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

  
Sinead Brennan  
Director of Quality & Patient Safety



