

**6th December 2021**

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**Re: PQ 58150/21 – Additional capacity, Cappagh Hospital**

**“To ask the Minister for Health when additional capacity will be provided at a hospital (details supplied\*) in view of the long waiting lists for assessment and surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Smith**

**\*THE URGENT NEED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY AT THE NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, CAPPAGH, IN VIEW OF THE LONG WAITING LISTS BOTH FOR ADULT AND PAEDIATRIC SURGERY”**

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking information regarding additional capacity in the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh have implemented a new initiative with Children's Health Ireland to reduce the growing paediatric waiting lists for time dependent surgery for a younger cohort of patients (+2years).

The National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh and the Ireland East Hospital Group have made a submission to the HSE in relation to the future development of services in the Hospital. The submission includes a 10 Bed HDU, 76 Bed Single Occupancy Modular Build and three additional theatres. The proposal is currently under consideration by the HSE Capital Committee.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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