

11th October 2021

Deputy Johnny Guirke T.D.,
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Re: PQ 48823/21 – Our Lady’s Hospital, Navan

“To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Our Lady’s Hospital, Navan has been under resourced and understaffed in a planned manner designed to reduce services and the capabilities of the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Guirke,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on resourcing in Our Lady’s Hospital, Navan, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that Our Lady’s Hospital Navan has not been understaffed or under resourced in a planned manner. There is significant investment in the increase of services within Our Lady’s Hospital, Navan. Including the appointment and approval of several new and approved nursing posts and consultant posts as well as the replacement of all current Whole-time Equivalent staff.

Significant investment has been made with the addition of a new surgical theatre, inpatient accommodation, rehabilitation unit and scheduled care accommodation with further plans for future scheduled services underway. Our Lady’s Hospital, Navan continues to work with the Ireland East Hospital Group to increase staff numbers in order to meet future demand.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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