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"To ask the Minister or Health if his attention has been drawn to the situation regarding the helipad at a hospital (Cork University Hospital) and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae

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

The work to advance the CUH helipad is proceeding initially with enabling works projects. The first project required is replacement car-parking to replace staff car-parking that will be lost with the installation of the helipad. A design review of the car-park has been completed along with a number of alternative options for this car-parking requirement. A decision on the most appropriate car-parking option will be made in the coming weeks. The remaining elements of the helipad works, as approved in the planning permission granted by Cork City Council in consultation with the Irish Aviation Authority, are proceeding through design and review and will have tender packages prepared for issue. These will advance, subject to the availability of capital funding.

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,

Dr. Gerard O'Callaghan

Interim Chief Executive Officer