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"To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a hospital (Cork University Hospital) has the busiest orthopaedic trauma unit nationally but is only funded in 15<sup>th</sup> place nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan

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.

Funding for a Consultant Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgeon has been approved, a Locum Consultant will commence in post shortly while the permanent post progresses through the recruitment process.

An additional Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgeon will assist the trauma service to provide a more efficient inpatient and outpatient service.

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,

Interim Chief Executive Officer