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To ask the Minister for Health when the strategic assessment report and the preliminary report will be finalised for the new cancer care hospital in UCH Galway; the timeframe for appointing a design team in order to deliver the cancer care hospital as set out in the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Seán Canney

Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

The Saolta Executive requested the Saolta Cancer Managed Clinical and Academic Network (MCAN) to develop an infrastructural brief for cancer services at UHG and across the Saolta region. This brief identified the requirement for a Comprehensive Cancer Centre facility at UHG which will enable all cancer services to be located within one block as a 'hospital within a hospital' with key supporting programmes, in line with international best practice.

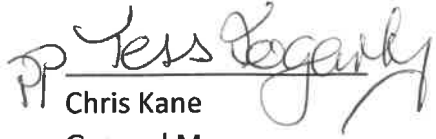
Subsequently, The Comprehensive Cancer Centre for UHG was escalated to the National Development Plan 2021 – 2030.

The Saolta Executive recognises the urgency around this project and is endeavouring to fast track it through the Public Spending Code Process, with the first 2 steps, the SARS and the preliminary business case to be delivered in 2022.

The expectation is that the Comprehensive Cancer Centre at UHG will be progressed and delivered over the next 5 years.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Kane", written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Chris Kane
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