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PQ 10371/22* To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the construction of a new laboratory at Connolly Hospital that is located on the top floor of a new building; and if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the laboratory building is located in an unsuitable location.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

The HSE do not accept the statement that the new Laboratory facility is being constructed in an unsuitable location. While the location of the new Laboratory facility is not as outlined in the original Protective Development Control Plan for Connolly Hospital, the current proposal has been deemed to be the preferred location by the Hospital management and HSE Capital & Estates for the following reasons:

1. This maximises the utilisation of the proposed site being developed.
2. Cost effective manner of delivering two identified projects for development on Connolly Hospital site together.
3. The adjacencies of the acute clinical services on the campus.
4. The previously identified site for a new Laboratory facility remains available for other future uses.

Connolly Hospital management, HSE Capital & Estates and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) are working closely on the delivery of a new Laboratory facility within the RCSI Academic building development, to provide a much needed fit for purpose facility to serve Connolly Hospital.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran
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