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Deputy Alan Kelly
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 7641/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that currently operate a helipad within their grounds and are able to accept flights on a 24-7 basis; and the hospitals that have a helipad within their grounds but are unable to accept flights on a 24-7 basis in tabular form. -Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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 am advised by the Hospital Groups of the following:-

South/South West Hospital Group

The South/ South West Hospital Group currently has 4 hospitals with a helipad on hospital grounds. The helipads in Bantry General Hospital (BGH), Mallow General Hospital (MGH), University Hospital Kerry (UHK) and University Hospital Waterford (UHW) are all operational on a 24/7 basis. However the helipad in UHW can accommodate the AW139 operations only, i.e. Army Air Corp helicopters as it does not meet the clearance standard which is required for the coastguard helicopters.

Please note that plans are underway to construct a helipad at Cork University Hospital and this is included on the Group's list of capital priorities.

Saolta Hospital Group

I am advised that Galway University Hospital, Mayo University Hospital and Letterkenny University Hospital have helipads that are currently operational 24/7. Sligo University Hospital has a helipad which is currently undergoing upgrade works. Following this, the Helipad should be fully operational 24/7. Portiuncula University Hospital and Roscommon University Hospital do not have helipads.

RCSI Hospital Group

I am advised by the RCSI HG that Beaumont is the only hospital in the Group that has helicopter access and it is 24/7.

University of Limerick Hospital Group

I am advised that University Hospital Limerick has one helipad which is in operational use 24/7.



CHI

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin no longer have an operational Helipad on the grounds of the Hospital. Urgent patients who require Air transportation are flown to the nearby Baldonnell Airport in South Dublin, and from here the patients are transported by Ambulance to CHI at Crumlin Hospital.

CHI at Temple Street have no helipad facilities.

The Emergency Care Unit at CHI at Tallaght does not accept major trauma on site, nor do they have an intensive care unit, hence, there is no requirement for a helipad.

CHI at Connolly does not accept major trauma on this site, nor do they have an intensive care unit, hence there is no requirement for a helipad.

Ireland East Hospital Group

I am advised that the Mater Hospital has full planning permission for a helipad on site. A helipad is planned once the building works on the new emergency wing are nearing completion. Future access to the hospital via the helipad is expected to be on 365 days a year basis in line with best international standards of care.

There are no helipads at any of our other hospitals.

Dublin Midlands Hospital Group

The Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore advise that they don't have a dedicated helipad on campus. The hospital currently has permission to land in O'Connor Park GAA pitch next to the hospital campus when required.

Tallaght University Hospital have a helipad on site and is open 24/7.

I trust that this is of assistance

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carol Ivory', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Carol Ivory
General Manager
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