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RE: PQ 35313/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals with Cath Labs; their opening hours; the hospitals in which they are located; the services that they provide; and if they are temporary or permanent broken down by hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Heart Programme on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

There are currently 19 fixed Cardiac Catherisation Laboratories in Ireland:

Hospital	No of Labs	Hours of operation
St James's Hospital (SJH)	2	24/7 as PPCI Centre
Tallaght University Hospital (TUH)	1	8am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital (MMUH)	3	24/7 as PPCI Centre
St Vincent's University Hospital (SVUH)	2	8am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday
Beaumont Hospital (BH)	2	9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
Galway University Hospital (GUH)	2	Both operational Monday – Friday and one 24/7 as PPCI Centre
Cork University Hospital (CUH)	4*	24/7 as PPCI Centre
University Hospital Waterford (UHW)	1	9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (excl. BH)
University Hospital Limerick (UHL)	2	24/7 as PPCI Centre

All the Cath labs provide diagnostic angiography. The following centres also provide electrophysiology services i.e. MMUH, CUH, BH and SVUH.

Interventional cardiology services are provided in the following centres: CUH, UHW, UHL, GUH, MMUH, BH, SVUH, TUH and SJH.

Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PPCI) services are provided in BH, SVUH, MMUH, TUH, SJH, GUH, UHL, UHW and Letterkenny University Hospital. Patients in Donegal with a STEMI who

receive 24/7 primary PCI in Altnagelvin Hospital are transferred to Letterkenny University Hospital for all further STEMI care as part of a cross-border care arrangement between the HSE and the NHS.

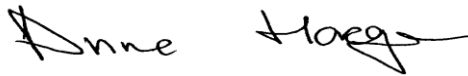
UHW also operates a diagnostic list in the Cath Lab in UPMC 3 days a week (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday) via an SLA / Under SafetyNet.

The mobile Cath lab service provided at Sligo University Hospital and Letterkenny University Hospital ceased operation on 30th June. Since 5th July Letterkenny is providing diagnostic angiography services only in an interventional cardiology suite on site.

*CUH has two Coronary Intervention Labs, 1 Electrophysiology Lab and 1 hybrid lab.

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



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