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Re: PQ 11886/22 - Update on Thighplasty availability, St. Columcille's Hospital

"To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1415 of 19 January 2021, if there are further updates in relation to the matter."

Ref: PQ 63167/21- Thighplasty treatment

Dear Deputy Kenny,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on thighplasty treatment in St. Columcille's Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that that there are no further updates in regard to thighplasty services in St.Columcille's Hospital. Thighplasty/Body contouring surgery (removal of loose skin on abdomen, thighs, arms) following significant weight loss, is a procedure that is accessible through the HSE. However, there is no service for Thighplasty at St. Columcille's Hospital.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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Yours sincerely

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