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To ask the Minister for Health if the delays in the Mount Carmel eating disorder hub will impact on the increasing inpatient capacity in other eating disorder facilities like St. Vincent's; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Mount Carmel Eating Disorder Hub is due to open in late 2022. This development will improve outpatient and day patient community services, which is anticipated to result in a reduction in the need to access inpatient beds at St. Vincent's University Hospital.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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