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PQ 22283.22 "To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the cardiac radiology unit that was donated to Letterkenny University Hospital by a group (details supplied) in 2018 has not been commissioned. -Pádraig Mac Lochlainn"

Dear Deputy,

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

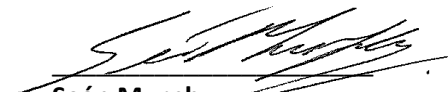
The Saolta Group are working with the hospital managers on contingency measures in relation to the cessation of the mobile Cath Labs Service at Letterkenny University Hospital and Sligo University Hospital.

A review of the National Strategy on Cardiology is underway and is due to be published imminently. This review will set out the roadmap for future delivery for cardiac services nationally and we will follow the recommendations it contains. In the interim Galway will continue to support both sites in the delivery of acute cardiac services.

In relation to the Interventional Radiology Suite at LUH a business case has been submitted nationally as part of the service planning process over the past three years. However, there has been no national allocation of resources and we are continuing to advocate for the resources required to fully utilise the facility.

In the interim the Interventional Radiology Suite continues to be used for some Interventional Radiology Procedures; some Cardiology Procedures; and by the Ophthalmology Service, whilst we await funding to fully commission it for Radiology and Cardiology treatment.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.
Yours Sincerely,



Seán Murphy
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