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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 24756/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date on the investigation into allegations made by a whistle-blower in April 2020 as a protected disclosure, regarding the care of patients during Covid-19 at St. Marys Hospital, Phoenix Park, Dublin; the date this report was completed; when it will be published; the cost of the investigation to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Fergus O'Dowd

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The investigation team for this protected disclosure have now submitted a draft report to me as the commissioner of the investigation. The draft report is sizable and complex and I am now taking due time to consider it before accepting it as finalised. The total cost of the investigation will be captured once finalised. I will seek to balance the need for expediency and assurance as to the quality of the report.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Yvonne O'Neill,
Interim National Director,
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