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*Ospidéal na h-Ollscoile Gaillimh*  
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL GALWAY  
MERLIN PARK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

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**To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 124 of 30 March 2022, the status of the construction of the two orthopaedic theatres with ancillary accommodation for the provision of elective procedures in Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; if the handover of the facility has occurred yet; if the theatres are operational yet; the estimated timeline for when both theatres will be fully-operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Connolly**

Dear Deputy Connolly,

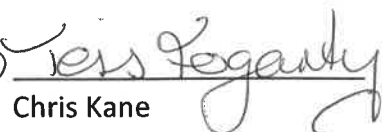
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

Practical completion of the theatre building was on the 3rd June 2022 and at which point the theatre building was handed over to the hospital. The two new replacement orthopaedic operating theatres on the Merlin Park site, will be become operational on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The hospital has been providing 10 theatre sessions per week which will now be provided in the new theatres and it planned to increase to 20 sessions per week which is dependent on staffing. GUH is currently recruiting staff to increase the number of theatre sessions to 20 per week.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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