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To ask the Minister for Health the total cost to Cork University Hospital of the removal of trees on its grounds in October 2022; the rationale for the removal of an entire row of sixteen mature trees on 22nd October 2022; if an independent arborist report was completed prior to these works; if the wood arising from the works was retained by CUH: if it was gifted or sold to the contractor; if so, if the wood was valued; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Hourigan

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

The trees are in the main route in to the hospital Emergency Department, PETSCAN, and the Glandore Oncology Department. The route is used by ambulances, buses and pedestrians on a daily basis

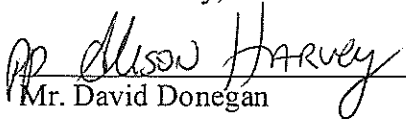
Following an independent arborist report and due to decay of the trees, they were scheduled for removal. The trees removed have been mulched and are in storage for the next two months for drying. All the mulch will be used on CUH Campus as part of the CUH Circular Economy Policy

We are scheduled to plant replacement trees as soon as possible.

Following a tender process, the cost was €49,999 (including VAT) which included the Arborist Report, the removal of the trees, Traffic Management Plan and replanted of new trees.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. David Donegan
Chief Executive Officer