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***PQ 42420/22 - \*\*\*To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals operating the Da Vinci surgical system; if there are plans to expand the robotics programme in hospitals; if funding will be provided by his Department to implement same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -***

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I wish to advise you that Acute Operations 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 apologise for the delay in responding but we have been seeking input from our colleagues in E-Health in order to respond to your complete question.

However, I am conscious of the delay in providing you with the information which is available. I am advised that the following hospitals currently have Robotic surgical devices (DaVinci Robot) in operation:-

- Beaumont Hospital
- Cork University Hospital
- Cork University Maternity Hospital
- St James's Hospital
- University Hospital Limerick
- University College Hospital Galway

We are not aware of any plans to expand the robotics programme or of any funding being provided.

I will ask my colleagues in EHealth to respond directly to you with respect to the plans for the future.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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