

19th September 2022

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Re: 44180/22- National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh

Dear Mr Smith,

I refer to the recent Parliamentary Question seeking information regarding the progress to date in the provision of additional capacity at a health care facility.

Please be advised that the Hospital is at an advanced stage of planning for three additional theatres, a new High Dependency Unit (“HDU”) and a 76 bed ward block. A proposal (and Cost Benefit Analysis) for this development was submitted to HSE in October 2020.

This project has now been included on the HSE Capital Plan, and €0.200m funding was allocated by the HSE in 2022 for the purpose of preparing a Strategic Assessment Report (SAR). This is currently being progressed with support from HSE Estates.

We are very hopeful that this critical infrastructure will be approved in early course. In line with Slaintecare recommendations, this infrastructural project will deliver significant progress in reducing orthopaedic waiting lists nationally for both adult and paediatric patients.

In addition to the above, the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh has also made a submission to the September 2022 HSE Capital Steering Committee for two further modular theatres to deal with increased demands for ambulatory treatments. These include certain paediatric procedures and other non-complex adult surgeries. There is also an increase in demand for Same Day Discharge Total Hip Replacements. We believe with the appropriate approvals, these additional theatres can be in place in a timeframe of 12-18 months.

There is significant potential for the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh to be a major part of the solution to reduce waiting lists nationally

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely



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