

**General Manager's Office
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25th April, 2023

REF: PQ16352/23

RE: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of all costs associated with the removal of trees in Merlin Woods, Galway to date in 2023; the name of the companies or persons that were commissioned by the HSE for any associated services, including the arborist assessment, the tree-removal works themselves, the clearance of the timber and the tree-planting assessment and any other associated costs, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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

In response to your query, the most competitive quote for these works was provided by an approved Contractor. To protect the privacy rights of the Contractor, we have been requested not to disclose the name of the business in this regard and so the name of the company will not be disclosed.

See Table of Costs as invoiced for your information. Please note approximately 10% of this cost relates to the UHG Site.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
Felling dangerous Ash trees with Ash dieback. Tree trimming, topping and side trimming hedges, flail hedge cutting. Mulching scrub, grass, briars etc, stump grinding. Chipping and removal of debris.	€ 37,000.00
Extra tree cutting at Merlin Park University Hospital and University Hospital Galway	€ 2,000.00
VAT	€ 5,265.00
	€ 44,265.00

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Kane
General Manager
Galway University Hospitals