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**Re: PQ no: 16685/23 – St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny**

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

I refer to the recent representation made to St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny, which has been referred for direct response.

**To ask the Minister for Health his plans to appoint additional WTE consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist with a special interest in urogynaecology at the maternity department at St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jennifer Murnane O'Connor**

I have had this matter examined and am advised that although we do not have a dedicated consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist with a special interest in urogynaecology at our maternity department in St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny, we are introducing an Ambulatory Gynaecology service which is being established as a one stop (see and treat) gynaecology clinic in which women can be assessed and treated following a GP referral.

This multidisciplinary team includes a consultant gynaecologist, an ambulatory nurse practitioner, a clinical specialist physiotherapist, and a dedicated gynaecology nurse. This new model will improve access to diagnostics and treatment, which will result in better outcomes for women.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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