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Mr Matt Shanahan TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 17595 - To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter concerning a laboratory at University Hospital Waterford (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.


Details Supplied: The minister will be aware that with the development of a second cardiac catheterization laboratory at University Hospital Waterford some informal medical opinion has circulated suggesting this laboratory could be repurposed periodically to provide for vascular surgical procedures. The vascular unit at University Hospital Waterford has for years been looking for increased funding to accommodate its extension patient lists but also to reduce the need for the transfer of acute procedures outside the region. Understanding the increasing catchment size presenting at University Hospital Waterford and understanding that Waterford and the South East region has the fastest growing population of all the regions of the country will the minister confirm whether a business case for the development of a vascular laboratory has been progressed for UHW by Southwest Hospital Group and if not will the minister give instruction to South West group management to formally begin such a process for presentation to the national capital and property steering committee so that a funding timeline can be established

Dear Deputy Shanahan

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.

I can confirm that a Business Case for the development of a Vascular Laboratory was submitted to the South/South West Hospital Group some time ago, at this stage the Business Case requires updating.

Yours sincerely,


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