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RE: To ask the Minister for Health the reason that fistula surgery is not performed in Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Seán Canney

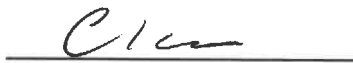
Dear Deputy Canney

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, Fistula Surgery is not conducted in Merlin Park Hospital. This type of surgery is undertaken in University Hospital Galway.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Kane
General Manager
Galway University Hospitals