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Ms Violet-Anne Wynne TD, Dàil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

PQ 7000/32

To ask the Minister for Health the expected cost of a surgical hub in Limerick City; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Violet-Anne Wynne

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

We welcome the recent announcement by the Minister for Health regarding his plans to include Limerick as one of five regional scheduled care hubs. We will work with all stakeholders on any plan to increase access to scheduled care in the region and to ensure that this model best meets the needs of the people of the Mid-West.

We are part of the HSE national working group that is tasked with identifying a site for rapid delivery of a surgical care hub in the Limerick region.

The HSE is currently looking at a number of options and engaging in a formal process regarding the development of the proposed surgical hubs, as such, it is not possible to provide an expected cost at this early phase.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Prof Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer

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