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Deputy Sean Fleming
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Re: PQ ref 63904/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline in detail the hospitals that will benefit from a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The MedLis project and which hospitals are to benefit from this project, the timeline for this project, how many have been included to date and what is the expected date for the completion of this project.''

Dear Deputy Fleming,

Thank you for your above correspondence which has been referred to me for response.

The MedLIS project scope envisaged a single national laboratory information system at 43 acute hospitals nationally. The project timelines have been impacted by complexity, the Covid pandemic & to a greater extent by the 2021 cyber-attack. At the time of the cyber-attack, MedLIS was 6 months away from its first deployment but following this event necessitated a full application & hardware rebuild and a project re-evaluation.

Beaumont Hospital has now been identified as the primary site to build and deploy MedLIS. In conjunction with the hospital, the go-live at Beaumont is scheduled for delivery May 2024. Post Beaumont go live, deployment of MEDLIS will be on a phased and rolling basis every 5 - 6 months and dependent on risk, service demand and need.

The MedLIS Project will continue to engage with laboratory services to support laboratory innovation & service improvement

If you feel that the question has not been fully answered or you require any further clarity, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Fran Thompson,
Chief Information Officer, eHealth, HSE.