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Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 63981/22* To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of a helipad (details supplied); if there is a timeline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pádraig O'Sullivan *Details Supplied: I believe the Cork University Hospital (CUH), located in Bishopstown is within Cork North Central constituency. If so, I am sure you are aware that the CUH eventually got planning permission and funding a number of years ago for a helipad on their site. The commencement of work was postponed back in 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is not the end of 2022 and there doesn't seem to be any development of a helipad at the CUH site.*

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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.

Under aeronautical safety regulations a boiler flue study is required to ensure appropriate air density levels for safe helicopter flights into and out of the hospital campus. The necessary boiler flue study has commenced at Cork University Hospital, with a report due to be complete by the end of March 2023. On receipt of the results of this study, options will be appraised as to the scope of works required at the hospital to progress the development of a helipad.

In addition, infrastructural works required for the helipad include a landing pad, fire access road and skywalk connectivity from the landing pad into the hospital. Subject to the above study and option assessment, it is planned these works will commence in Q2, 2023 and will be substantially complete for aeronautical operations in Q3, 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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