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REF: PQ 12316/23

RE: To ask the Minister for Health if plans exist to remove the temporary prefab buildings of the neurology unit in GUH; the plans that exist to allow neurology consultants to continue to see their patients; where this will take place; 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, the Neurology Department will remain in its current location and operational until Phase 1 OPD is complete in Merlin Park University Hospital. This will ensure continuity of treatment for patients. There will be a planned phased removal of the prefab areas at UHG and there will be consultation with all services affected before any works commence. The construction of the Phase 1 Outpatients Department at MPUH commenced at the end of February 2023.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane
General Manager
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