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Mr Matt Shanahan TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 12710 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an opening date for the beginning of cardiac interventional procedures in the new cardiac cath lab in Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Shanahan

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that equipping and fit out of the 2nd Cath Lab at University Hospital is nearing completion. It is anticipated that the expected occupation of the new Cath Lab will be in Quarter 2 2023.

It is intended that the 2nd Cath Lab will primarily be used for diagnostic services with repatriation of the 3 day Diagnostic Lists from UPMC Whitfield in the first instance. The next phase will see the introduction of PPCI 8am – 8pm X 7 days in one of the Cath Labs and the other Cath Lab will be available for elective work. The Labs will be fully interchangeable and the overall advantage is that a Lab will be available at all times for PPCI.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Grace Rothwell  
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