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

PQ 12714 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a firm date for an expansion to a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: The minister would be aware of the ongoing requirement to expand the Waterford cardiac suite emergency access for PPCI to a 7 day 8am to 8pm schedule - this commitment has been endorsed by the minister on the floor of the house a number of times. Will the minister provide a firm date for this expansion to 7 day emergency access for PPCI and will he confirm that the necessary staff compliment is in place to provide this cover.

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.

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.

Equipping and fit out of the 2nd Cath Lab is nearing completion. The process to medically equip, complete ICT equipment installation, commission the unit and train and familiarise staff on the new equipment that has been installed will take a period of time to complete. It is anticipated that the expected occupation of the new Cath Lab will be in Quarter 2 2023. A total of 24 Whole Time Equivalents (WTEs) have been approved by the SSWHG for the staffing of the second Cath Lab

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

Yours sincerely,

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