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Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ Ref 12917/23

*** To ask the Minister for Health the expected year of opening of a new elective hospital at St. Stephen's Hospital, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.***

- Deputy Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

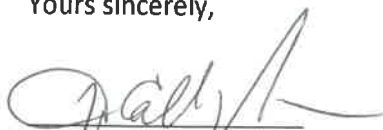
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

On 7 December 2022, the Minister received Government approval for the next stage of the Enhanced Provision of Elective Care Programme and progression of the development of new Elective Hospitals in Cork and in Galway.

The SSWHG at this time is unable to advise the expected year of opening of a new Elective Hospital in Cork.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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