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**PQ 14711/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date on securing accommodation for the 3 priority areas of Limerick, Galway and Cork for perinatal services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

**Cork**

In relation to Cork University Hospital, I am advised by the South/South West Hospital Group that Cork University Maternity Hospital (CUMH) continues to provide clinical space in the outpatients department and hot desk areas on the wards for the Perinatal Mental Health team, as well as a designated office space. Reconfiguration of ward space remains ongoing at present, and they endeavour to have the works completed in the near future to help alleviate the demand for clinical space in CUMH.

**Limerick**

In relation to Limerick I am advised that due to the expansion of perinatal mental health services and in line with an increase in activity being experienced by this service, additional accommodation has been approved at George's Quay located within the existing George's Quay site.

Refurbishment works are currently ongoing and it is envisaged that the additional accommodation will open in the third quarter of this year.

**Galway**

In relation to Galway University Hospital (GUH), I am advised by the Saolta University Health Care Group that the Perinatal Mental Health team on the GUH site have access to clinical rooms, meeting rooms and have facilities for video conferencing as needed. Improving access to clinical and office accommodation for this service remain a challenge.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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