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PQ 15488/23- To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that currently have a helipad within their grounds and that is in use, in tabular form. -Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

Please see below table outlining response to your question hospitals that currently have a helipad within their grounds and that is in use.

| Hospital Group | Response | |
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| Childrens Health Ireland | <p>Children’s Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin no longer have an operational Helipad on the grounds of the Hospital. Urgent patients who require Air transportation are flow to the nearby Baldonnel Airport in South Dublin, and from here the patients are transported by Ambulance to CHI at Crumlin Hospital.</p> <p>CHI at Temple Street have no helipad facilities.</p> <p>The Emergency Care Unit at CHI at Tallaght does not accept major trauma on site, nor do they have an intensive care unit, hence, there is no requirement for a helipad.</p> <p>The helipad on the Tallaght University campus is specific for adult trauma and they are best placed to answer questions regarding Tallaght University Hospital.</p> <p>CHI at Connolly does not accept major trauma on this site, nor do they have an intensive care unit, hence there is no requirement for a helipad. CHI are not aware if Connolly hospital have a helipad for adult trauma, you would need to check with them directly.</p> | |
| Saolta Hospital Group | Hospital | Helipad |
| | Galway University Hospital | Yes |
| | Sligo University Hospital | Yes |
| | Letterkenny University Hospital | Yes |
| | Mayo University Hospital | Yes |
| | Roscommon University Hospital | No |
| | Portiuncula University Hospital | No |



| <p>RCSI Hospital Group</p> | <p>Beaumont Hospital is the only hospital in the RCSI Hospital Group that has helicopter access.</p> <p>The current helicopter landing provisions for Beaumont Hospital entail a green space in a residential area directly adjacent to the Hospital in Beaumont Woods. This by definition requires subsequent ambulance transfer (7 minutes) from Beaumont Woods.</p> <p>Helicopters only land there during day light hours.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>UL Hospital Group</p> | <p>UL Hospitals Group has one helipad which is located adjacent to the Emergency Department at University Hospital Limerick.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Dublin Midlands Hospital Group</p> | <p>Please be advised that Tallaght University Hospital has a helipad within their ground. No other hospital within the DMHG has a helipad within their grounds.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Ireland East Hospital Group</p> | <p>I am advised that the Mater Hospital has full planning permission for a helipad on site. A helipad is planned once the building works on the new emergency wing are nearing completion. Future access to the hospital via the helipad is expected to be on 365 days a year basis in line with best international standards of care.</p> <p>There are no helipads at any of the other hospitals.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |

Yours sincerely,

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