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25th March 2024

Deputy Duncan Smith
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2

PQ Number: 46938/23

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

PQ Question:

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1803 of 11 September 2023, the ongoing costs involved in this job in UHK (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Healy-Rae

Details Supplied: Minister, can you have the HSE answer the following questions; With regard to the flooding event that took place in UHK, I have the following questions; 1. How many diagnostics machines were damaged by the flooding. 2. Can a detail cost be given for the replacement/repair of each machine. 3. How many of these machines are currently operational. 4. Provide a list of the machines/equipment that is currently not operational. 5. What impact has this had on the delivery of services in the hospital? 6. Has an insurance claim been submitted or indeed claimed, if so how much?

The full list of equipment damaged, including diagnostic equipment, is listed below. Please note, this is the current cost and may be subject to change when funding is received and the order is placed.

The loss of this equipment has impacted on the volume and throughput of patients in the Cardiology Services. University Hospital Kerry (UHK) has sought to minimise this impact by funding some priority equipment, while we await the final insurance assessment, and has also borrowed some equipment from other hospitals and from suppliers.

The insurance claim was submitted immediately after the flood. This claim was for both building and equipment damaged. Please see breakdown in attached spreadsheet. Unfortunately the insurance company currently has not approved the claim for the replacement Cardiology equipment. UHK continues to engage with the insurance company to resolve this matter as quickly as possible, and UHK has escalated this delay through the appropriate channels in the HSE.

Description	Quantity	Estimated Replacement Cost	Current Equipment Status
Pathfinder System and associated holter monitors, ABP monitors and software	1	€ 103,721	Replacement in place, but paid for by funding received from SSWHG while we await insurance payment.
High End Ultrasound	1	€ 140,255	Replacement in place. Paid for out of interim payment from insurance company but without any admission of liability that this equipment is "damaged" and requires replacement.
High End Ultrasound	1	€ 140,255	Outstanding
Portable Ultrasound	1	€ 43,245	Outstanding
TOE Ultrasound Probe	1	No longer available as standalone option in machines, but included as part of High End Ultrasound above	No longer available as standalone option in machines, but included as part of High End Ultrasounds above. 1 was purchased as part of High End Ultrasound in row 3 above. 2nd one will be purchased when we receive funding for second 2nd High End Ultrasound
Examination Couches suitable for Echo	3	€ 7,500	Approved to purchase 2 of the 3 from UHK funding while we await insurance. Head of Clinical Engineering is progressing purchase.
ECG Machine with 16 lead and 12 lead PIMS	1	€ 10,239	Outstanding
Stress Machine with Treadmill	1	€ 23,000	Outstanding
Pacing Programming Trolley	1	€ 4,630	Outstanding
ISCV Workstation (Medical Grade) with Dual Screens	2	€ 5,640	Approved to be purchased from UHK funding while we await insurance payment. Head of Clinical Engineering is progressing purchase.
Cardiac Monitor	1	€ 8,799	Outstanding
Vital Signs Monitor	1	€ 1,679	Outstanding
Patient Trolley	1	€ 5,269	Outstanding
Defib	1	€ 11,630	Outstanding
Portable Suction	1	€ 890	Outstanding
Stand On Scales		€ 572	Replacement in place but for paid for by UHK.
NIMIS Workstation (Medical Grade)	4	€ 21,605	Outstanding
Total Excluding VAT		€ 528,929	
VAT @ 23%		€ 121,654	
Total Including VAT		€ 650,582	

Area	Works	Cost	VAT	Total Incl. VAT
Cardiology	Builders works post flood damage	€ 31,598	€ 4,265.73	€ 35,864
Cardiology	Replace Cardiology Equipment (please see breakdown on additional spreadsheet)	€ 528,929	€ 121,653.63	€ 650,582
Conference Room	Builders works post flood damage	€ 22,180	€ 2,994.30	€ 25,174
Conference Room	UHK Room Signage	€ 640	€ 147.20	€ 787
Conference Room	Surecom Conference system	€ 6,325	€ 1,454.75	€ 7,780
Conference Room	Electrical rewire and fit of conference room	€ 10,550	€ 2,426.50	€ 12,977
Conference Room	Replace Chairs and Cabinett	€ 2,948	€ 678.04	€ 3,626
Kitchen underground Plant Room	Gas detection system replacement	€ 12,320	€ 2,833.60	€ 15,154
Kitchen underground Plant Room	Wiring for Gas Detection System	€ 4,620	€ 1,062.60	€ 5,683
Palliative Care	Damage to heating pump for Palliative care	€ 4,584	€ 1,054.29	€ 5,638
Total		€ 624,694	€ 138,571	€ 763,264

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Fitzgerald". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Mary Fitzgerald
General Manager
University Hospital Kerry**