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Deputy Matt Shanahan
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PQ 37239/23 - To ask the Minister for Health further to the timelines already highlighted in previous a Parliamentary Question regarding the development of surgical hubs in Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Galway, the reason the design specification expedited for the Galway project was not given as a construction template for the other three projects in order that these could be expedited along with the Galway-based project; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Matt Shanahan

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.

The Galway design model and approach was developed by HSE Capital & Estates in advance of the current surgical hub programme being established. Whilst it was considered suitable for surgical hub purposes, it was particular to its location in Galway.

Maintaining the principles of this design while utilizing modern methods of construction, was identified as the preferred delivery option to help accelerate delivery timelines.

The Galway design was used to inform the standardized design, the standardized design was optimized in collaboration with local stakeholders to (i) expedite delivery timelines insofar as possible and (ii) optimize patient flow.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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