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Ospidil na h-Ollscoile Gaillimh
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL GALWAY
MERLIN PARK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

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RE: To ask the Minister for Health the details of the new surgical hub planned in advance of the delivery of the new permanent elective hospital in Merlin Park; the total projected cost of the surgical hub; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Connolly

Dear Deputy Connolly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

The Surgical Hub at Merlin Park University Hospital is intended as a Regional Hub, serving the wider catchment of Galway City, Ireland's fourth largest urban centre by population and the wider West Region particularly, encompassing Galway, Roscommon and Mayo and potentially the North West of the area. A Surgical Hub in Galway will allow the Saolta region to have a dedicated area for access to surgical day procedures and thus reduce the waiting lists. The Galway Surgical Hub will be under the governance of University Hospital Galway Surgical/Perioperative Directorate as the local Model 4 Hospital.

The Surgical Hub will be complementary to and will integrate with the Elective Hospital when it progresses and is in keeping with the long term plan for Galway University Hospitals.

An exemplar design and performance specification has been produced to brief the design and build contractor by a HSE appointed Technical Advisory Design Team. The HSE require that the project is delivered through a Design and Build Contract with rapid build construction methodology of which we have gone out to tender.

Due to the tendering process for a design & build contractor we are not in a position to discuss the projected costs at this time as this is commercially sensitive and may affect the tender process.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Kane
General Manager
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