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PQ6722/25; To ask the Minister for Health the status of the HSE Elective Hospitals Programme Demand Model; the work completed to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for response.

As part of the Preliminary Business Cases for the elective hospitals, a demand model was developed to inform the capacity requirements necessary. The initial demand model for Phase 1 of the Elective Hospitals Programme in Cork and Galway was based on projected activity and scheduled care procedures suitable for adult patients across approximately 10 specialties. The model assessed demand for those scheduled care surgical procedures based on access for public patients six days per week and operational 50 weeks per year.

Given the time since the development of the PBCs, HSE is currently refreshing the Demand Model using the most up to date activity and census information available. This updated demand model will also take into account a refreshed scheduled care procedure list suitable for these elective care facilities along with other factors such as the access and capacity that will be provided arising from the current construction of six new HSE Surgical Hubs.

This updated Demand Model will provide assurance on the current scope and scale of Cork and Galway Elective Hospitals which are at early design stage along with informing the planning and capacity requirements necessary within the two elective hospitals in Dublin

I trust the above information is of assistance to you.

Niamh Smyth
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