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PQ 8813/25; To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the elective hospital planned for the Connolly Hospital campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Boland,

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 work required to progress the two preferred sites for the Elective Hospitals in Dublin sites (at Connolly Hospital in Blanchardstown and at the current Children's Hospital site in Crumlin) to Approval Gate 1 of the Infrastructure Guidelines approvals process that will underpin the scope, scale and indicative capital and revenue funding required to deliver the Dublin EH facilities continues.

As part of the Preliminary Business Cases (PBC) for the elective hospitals in Cork and Galway, a demand model was developed to inform the capacity requirements necessary. 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 assessment of existing capacity to meet current and future demand and policy direction. This information will then inform the timelines necessary to develop the PBC for approval of the Dublin Elective Hospitals capacity requirements. Every effort will be made to expedite the submission of the PBC and in due course and subject to the necessary approvals, this will enable HSE to engage the Integrated Design Team to commence the next stage of the design process.

In the shorter term, the HSE is addressing waiting lists through the development of the new Surgical Hubs in each Health region across the country. The HSE Surgical Hub South Dublin opened on 18th February and the construction of the HSE Surgical Hub North Dublin is due to be completed at the end of this year, the remaining surgical hubs will open on a phased basis in 2026. They will consist of operating theatres, procedure rooms, recovery spaces, OPD spaces and support accommodation. The primary purpose of surgical hubs is to enhance day case surgery and ambulatory capacity in order to address waiting list pressures.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you.

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