

13th February 2025

Deputy Barry Ward T.D.,
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2
RE: PQ 1956/25

Re: Request for Status Update and Future Plans for St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire

Dear Deputy Ward,

St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire (SMH) is part of the St. Vincent's Healthcare Group (SVHG), which also incorporates St Vincent's University Hospital (SVUH) and St. Vincent's Private Hospital (SVPH). SMH plays a pivotal and critical role in the South Dublin East region, serving a population catchment of over 600,000 people and has the largest population of over 75-year-olds in the country.

SMH is a model 2S acute public hospital with 116 beds incorporating 7-day inpatient, 5-day inpatient and 1 day bed facilities linked with SVUH services. SMH is an academic teaching hospital delivering a broad range of services including day case and inpatient elective surgery, inpatient care for scheduled and unscheduled general medical patients, and specialties include respiratory, gastroenterology, endocrinology and care of the elderly. SMH provides on-site radiology and laboratory services with support for specialist services from SVUH. SMH also has an Emergency Department which is open daily from 08.00 to 20.00 catering to a defined scope of presenting complaints. Patients who require further management are transferred to SVUH for onward care.

SMH has recently opened the newly completed pelvic floor health centre, Ireland's first and only multidisciplinary clinic for the assessment and management of pelvic floor dysfunction. The multidisciplinary team includes internationally trained sub-specialist colorectal surgeons and urogynecologists who work as a team, supported by specialist physiotherapists and clinical nurse specialists. This service is now situated in a dedicated centre providing improved access and experience for patients.

In line with the SVHG strategy – 'Strategy 2030', SMH is progressing several developments. These plans include the installation of a CT scanner and the development of new

additional theatres and beds for which business cases have been submitted to the Health Service Executive.

SMH continues to build a strong collaborative partnership within the community and is committed to achieving the highest level of excellence in patient care.

Yours sincerely



Sharon Ryan
Chief Executive Officer St. Michael's Hospital