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Ms. Reada Cronin T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 36811/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by her department to address wait times in a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.*

Details Supplied: Cappagh Hospital, Dublin.”

Dear Deputy Cronin,

HSE Dublin and North East 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Slaintecare Wait Time Targets for 2025 requires 50% of inpatient and day case (IPDC) patients waiting less than 12 weeks by end of 2025 and 50% of outpatients waiting less than 10 weeks by year end. In an effort to increase capacity, the Hospital continues to review and monitor capacity on the outpatient waiting list through initiatives such as patient initiated reviews. We also continue to review individual surgeons IPDC waiting lists by sub-specialty and centralise referrals where appropriate. Through these initiatives, the Hospital has seen a 6% and 5% reduction in waiting times in IPDC and outpatients waiting lists respectively from the same period last year.

Given the current and expected demographic growth, the Hospital is at an advanced stage of planning for three additional theatres, a new High Dependency Unit (“HDU”) and a new ward block. Stage 1 Preliminary Design is complete and we hope to move to stage 2 (detailed design and planning later this year. This extra capacity will enable NOHC to reduce waiting lists and times by up to 40% when complete.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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