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PQ 29596/25*To ask the Minister for Health if projects (details supplied1) the Surgical Hub facility for the Midwest area to include 2 Operating Theatres & 2 Minor Procedure Rooms including recovery / post anaesthetic unit and associated support services and staff facilities; 2) both 16-bed inpatient emergency wards as outlined in the 2025 HSE Capital Infrastructure Bed Projects – completions for operationalisation in 2025) in University Hospital Limerick, as outlined in the HSE Capital Plan 2025, will be completed and fully operational in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Joe Cooney

Dear Deputy Cooney,

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 Surgical Hub at University Hospital Limerick is being delivered by the HSE and is progressing on site with the current projected completion date for the construction element in June 2026, followed by the equipping phase in Q3 2026. Once complete, the building will be handed over to HSE Service colleagues who will take operational control and governance of the facility, complete clinical commissioning and operationalize the facility in 2026.

The two 16 bed inpatient emergency wards at University Hospital Limerick have been undertaken in two phases. The first phase of 16 beds was delivered and operational in December 2024. The construction of the second phase of 16 bed emergency ward accommodation is due for completion at the end of May 2025 before being brought into operation by HSE service colleagues.

Yours sincerely

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