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PQ32725/25 - To ask the Minister for Health to outline the current status of the two translabial scanners at Cork University Hospital and Holles Street; whether they are currently in use; whether trained staff are available to use them; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

Thank you for your representation.

I have reached out to the relevant Regional Executive Officers (REO South West , REO Dublin South East) for an update to the above question, we have received the below responses from their offices,

Dublin Southeast

“The translabial scanner in the National Maternity Hospital is currently in use. The scans are performed by a gynaecological doctor who has been trained in the use and interpretation of translabial scanning.”

South Southwest

“The Translabial Scanner remains in situ at the Cork University Maternity Hospital Mesh Clinic also. While appointments in Cork had ceased following the departure of the dedicated Consultant earlier this year, we are pleased to confirm that the service will be recommenced in August 2025 with the appointment of a new Consultant.

In the interim, we continue to work closely with our colleagues at the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, to ensure that patients with a clinical indication for a translabial scan are seen within the agreed timeframe. It is important to note that the number of patients required to travel to Dublin for this service remains very low.

CUMH has trained staff in place, and several translabial scan clinics are scheduled to take place in Cork from August 2025 onwards.”

I hope this provides you with some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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