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RE: To ask the Minister for Health for a projected date for the opening of the new surgical hub in Merlin Park; the services that will be provided therein; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -John Connolly

Dear Deputy Connolly,

The HSE has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

In response to your query, it is anticipated that the Galway Surgical Hub, located in Merlin Park University Hospital will be operational in Q2 2026.

The Surgical Hub will manage day cases that are relatively low acuity and high-volume in their nature with the aim of addressing waiting lists for patients over the age of 16 years. The Surgical Hub is a ring-fenced surgical facility containing operating theatres, minor ops procedure rooms, recovery bays and other services necessary to deliver ambulatory, minor and day case procedures.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane

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