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Mr. Peadar Toibin T.D. Dáil Éireann. Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 8983/25 "To ask the Minister for Health if Navan Hospital still processes blood tests for GPs in the area; if the hospital does the full spectrum of blood testing; if there are any tests not processed in Navan Hospital; if all blood tests are performed on site in Navan Hospital; if there have been any changes to the blood screening service in Navan in the past year; and if so, the changes.-Peadar Tóibín"

Dear Deputy Toibin,

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.

I can confirm that blood samples received from GPs are outsourced from Our Lady's Hospital, Navan. Both inpatient and outpatient blood tests are conducted in the hospital's laboratory.

Please note that specialised testing for certain blood samples have always required further outsourcing akin to all public hospital laboratories in Ireland.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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