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Deputy Claire Kerrane,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St.,
Dublin 2.

RE: PQ 54691/25 To ask the Minister for Health if plans were considered to move accident and emergency services in the Galway/Roscommon area to Merlin Park; if consultants in the area put together a clear proposal to set up a day ward type service on a floor of the building; if such a proposal was refused by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Claire Kerrane

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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

As part of the Development Control Plan for Galway University Hospitals, we have included plans for a new Emergency Department for the UHG site. There were no plans to move the Emergency Department to Merlin Park University Hospital.

The development of a new Emergency Department at UHG is crucial to address current suboptimal accommodation and associated patient risk issues. The new block is intended to provide Emergency Department accommodation at ground and first floor levels and includes the acute floor services. The location of this department will remain on UHG site. Complex acute care, urgent and emergency, inpatients and day cases, cancer, maternity and paediatric inpatient care will remain in UHG.

I am not aware of a proposal to set up a day ward type service as suggested above.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane
General Manager,
Galway University Hospitals