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Mr Seamus McGrath, TD,
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PQ 44471/25* To ask the Minister for Health if she will to set out her Department and the HSE's plans for the development of a new hospital in Cork; the current state of progress, the timelines, to provide the details of the funding that has been ring-fenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The Integrated Design Team (IDT) are working with the HSE to progress the design pertaining to Phase I ambulatory service provision in the Elective Care Centre at St Stephen's Hospital, Sarsfield Court, Cork.

This comprehensive work is being actively progressed but will take time and will be underpinned by significant engagement with multiple stakeholders including Local Authorities Surveys and site investigations are being conducted, which are informing the design, planning permission application and the extent enabling works required.

In the shorter term, the HSE is developing new Surgical Hubs in each health region across the country. The HSE Surgical Hub based at CUH Cork is due to open in 2026. The Hub at CUH will consist of operating theatres, procedure rooms, recovery spaces, OPD spaces and support accommodation. The primary purpose of surgical hubs is to enhance day case surgery and ambulatory capacity in order to address waiting list pressures.

Yours sincerely

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