



Mr Pádraig O'Sullivan, TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ 0304/25: To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the new surgical hub for Cork; the estimated date for opening; the number of operating theatres and procedure rooms it will consist of; the number of patients expected to be seen daily; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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 HSE Surgical Hub based at Cork University Hospital (CUH) is due to open in Q2 2026. The Hub at CUH will consist of two operating theatres and two minor 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.

When fully operational and on an annual basis working at 6 days a week, 50 weeks a year, each HSE Surgical Hub is expected to deliver care and consultations for over 28,000 patients, comprising of circa

- 4,000 additional day case procedures
- 5,800 additional minor operations
- 18,500 additional outpatient consultations.

I trust the above addresses your queries but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Strategic Health Infrastructure and Capital Delivery