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Deputy Róisín Shortall T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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Re: PQ 23919/22- Helipad, MMUH Hospital

"To ask the Minister for Health if the Mater Hospital helipad is still not operational; if he will outline plans, if any, to build a permanent helipad; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Shorthall,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on a helipad in The Misericordiae University Hospital (MMUH), which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that The Mater Misericordiae University Hospital has full planning permission for a helipad on site. MMUH will progress plans for helipad access once the building works on the new emergency wing are nearing completion. Future access to the hospital via the helipad is expected to be on a 365 days a year in line with best international standards of care.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Paul Gallagher

Chief Director of Nursing and Midwifery

