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**Re: PQ no: 49574/23 – St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny**

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

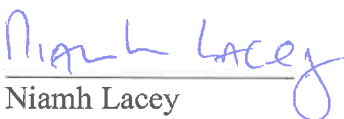
I refer to the recent representation made to St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny, which has been referred for direct response.

**To ask the Minister for Health the plans to upgrade facilities at St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow; if a contractor has been appointed; the expected start date for refurbishment; the impact on services for service users; to provide a timescale for delivery on these plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jennifer Murnane O'Connor**

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the X-ray department in St Dymphna's Hospital has been closed for general x-rays since 7th November and plans to reopen by mid-February. This is to facilitate the replacement of the equipment and to upgrade the room. All patients will be x-rayed in St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny during this time. The Ultrasound department in St Dymphna's Hospital will remain open during the works. I can also confirm that a contractor was appointed.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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