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**Deputy Jim O'Callaghan,
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 3333/23: To ask the Minister for Health for an update on each of the proposed elective hospitals for Dublin, Cork and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

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 Elective Hospitals Programme has been progressed in 2023 following the Department's conclusion of the Gate 1 Business Case process in December 2022. This includes work to further define the shape and scale of the hospitals and how they will operate and the initiation of procurement, ICT and workforce planning. To advance the Elective Hospital projects in Cork and Galway, the HSE is preparing to develop detailed project briefs, design proposals, related business cases and other material, for submission to DPER, in accordance with Decision Gate 2 "Pre-tender Approval" of the PSC, prior to approval to proceed to tender in due course.

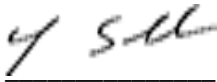
The HSE is progressing the procurement of a Design Team which will be appointed to provide the full scope of design services for the proposed Elective Hospitals in Cork and Galway, and the provision of services required to support the Department of Health with the preliminary business case for the Elective Hospital(s) in Dublin. The first stage of appointing the Design Team, which is a preliminary qualification stage, was recently published on the Governments E-tenders website. Market response to date has been positive with broad market interest in this competition. Responding to initial feedback, and to encourage optimal interest in participating in the Stage 2 Tender process, the closing date has been extended to January 2024. This extension will result in the appointment of the successful Architect Led Design Team in April/early May 2024. The appointment of the complementary Project Control team will be coordinated around this timeframe.

In relation to the Elective Hospital(s) in Dublin, we are continuing to work with the Department of Health and it is intended to update Government on progress in Dublin and on the overall electives programme in the near future.

Timelines will be refined as the projects develop and evolve, but the overall programme targets for the Elective Hospitals remain as previously advised, with the hospitals in Cork and Galway planned to receive their first patients in 2027 and to be fully commissioned from 2028 onwards.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely

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