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***PQ 48157/23 - To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the proposal to develop a 'surgical hub' in Limerick; where exactly is the preferred site that has been identified; when he expects it to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Willie O'Dea***

***PQ 51660/23 - To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the proposal to develop a 'surgical hub' in Limerick; the location of the preferred site; when he expects it to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Willie O'Dea***

Dear Deputy O'Dea,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Surgical Hubs are being developed to reduce inpatient and day case waiting list backlogs and support progress towards the Sláintecare waiting time targets. The Surgical Hubs are modelled on the successful Reeves Centre Surgical Hub at Tallaght University Hospital which opened in December 2020 and has significantly reduced waiting times for certain day case procedures.

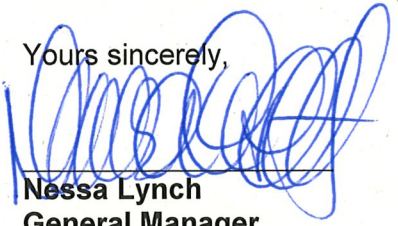
The new Surgical Hubs being developed in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford will create dedicated capacity for elective day case procedures.

In relation to Limerick, the feasibility assessment for the Limerick Surgical Hub is complete and the proposed location for the Limerick Surgical Hub is approximately 2km from the University Hospital Limerick. The design and schedule of accommodation for Limerick has been finalised. Pre-planning engagement is underway with the City Council and planning permission is expected to be submitted soon. Tender documentation for a construction contractor is expected to issue shortly thereafter and subject to planning permission being granted, construction will commence in 2024, and the facility will be operational by the end of 2024, subject to market capacity and capability.

The Surgical Hubs programme is working towards an accelerated timeline recognising the urgent requirement to create protected elective day case capacity in order to address waiting lists and waiting times.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nessa Lynch', written over a horizontal line.

**Nessa Lynch**  
**General Manager**  
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