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REF: PQ 18515/24

RE: To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider providing a minor injuries unit in Galway on the grounds of Merlin Park Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Noel Grealish

Dear Deputy Grealish,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

In response to your query, the minor injury service is currently within the footprint of the current Emergency Department.

The oversight group of the HSE Operations Injury Units Review implementation recommended in February 2024 for an Injury Units expansion proposal. The Department of Health have requested more detail and one of the priority areas is Galway, the view is that there should be a separate location for a minor injury unit in Galway, potentially at Merlin Park University Hospital.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane
General Manager
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