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Mr. Peadar Tóibín, T.D,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 1364/24 *“To ask the Minister for Health where management for hospitals formerly in the Ireland East Group will come from; if Our Lady's Hospital Navan will have a representative on the board of the RCSI while it is being managed by the RCSI; what effect management by the RCSI of Our Lady's Hospital Navan will have on the future of the accident and emergency department at Navan Hospital; and if the accident and emergency department at Our Lady's Hospital Navan will be fully functional for the next ten years.”*

Dear Peadar Tóibín,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Work is progressing to establish six HSE health regions from March 2024. This involves realigning geographical and operational boundaries of the existing 9 Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs) and 6 Hospital Groups.

The health region for HSE Dublin and North East will cover North Dublin, Meath, Louth, Cavan and Monaghan and will include the hospitals in the RCSI Hospital Group, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Our Lady's Hospital Navan and the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh.

As part of the geographical realignment for the new health region, as of 02 January the delegated authority for the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Our Lady's Hospital Navan and the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh transferred to the RCSI Hospital Group, which now encompasses all hospitals included in the future boundary of the Health Region HSE Dublin and North East.

There has been no decision on a date to implement the next phase of changes to the Emergency Department service at Our Lady's Hospital Navan. The issue will be considered by the CEO and Board of the HSE when they receive a recommendation from the appropriate personnel but no such recommendation has been received at this point.

Please be advised that RCSI Hospital Group does not have a board.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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RCSI Hospital Group