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***PQ 1782/24 - To ask the Minister for Health to provide details in relation to what is involved in the six new surgical hubs announced; and where they will be located. - John Lahart***

Dear Deputy Lahart,

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.

The first surgical hub to become operational in Ireland is the Reeves Centre at Tallaght University. This model has been hugely successful and since opening in December 2020 has led to a 17% reduction in the total Day Case Waiting List at Tallaght University Hospital and a 34% improvement in the achievement of the 12-week Sláintecare Access Target for day case procedures at Tallaght University Hospital. As of January 2024, approximately 75% of patients waiting for a day case procedure are waiting less than 12 weeks (compared to 47% nationally) and approximately 97% are waiting less than 9 months (compared to 80% nationally). This demonstrates full achievement of the NSP 2023 wait time target for Day Case procedures at Tallaght University Hospital. With the exception of a small number of highly specialised clinical procedures, the substantial majority of in scope procedures at the Reeves Centre are delivered within 12 weeks.

The HSE is fast-tracking plans to introduce seven new surgical hubs nationally as an important component of broader scheduled care reform. The key goals of surgical hubs are to reduce waiting times and waiting lists for inpatient and day case care and support progress towards the 12-week Sláintecare access target. The surgical hub model is aligned to the Sláintecare vision and focuses on increasing separation between emergency and elective care to ensure all in scope procedures are delivered within the 12-week Sláintecare access target.

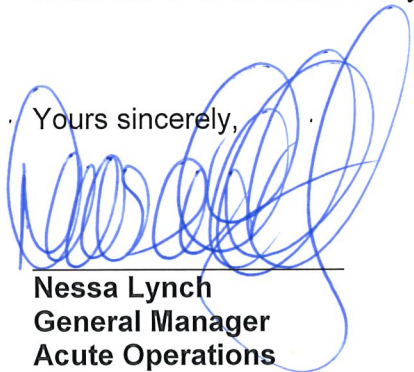
The seven new surgical hubs are being expedited through an ambitious programme timeline, which is subject to market capacity to deliver, and are to be located in:

- Dublin North
- Dublin South

- Cork
- Galway
- Limerick
- Waterford
- North West

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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