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From the Chief Executive Officer

**Anne Coyle** 

Your Ref

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PQ 2908/24

20th March 2024

Deputy Pat Buckley, T. D. (via HSE PQ/REPDR system)

Re: To ask the Minister for Health to outline plans for paediatric care in Cork city and the surrounding area following the closure of Mercy University Hospital paediatric Unit

Dear Deputy Buckley,

I refer to your PQ in respect of the above and apologise for the delayed response.

The new Paediatric Department development located at CUH, combining both MUH and CUH paediatric departments, will cater for a centralised paediatric service within one location in Cork and in preparation for this transition an extended paediatric clinical governance structure is now led by a Clinical Director for the combined city services. This new development will deliver high quality care for children and will provide much needed paediatric care consistent with Clinical Care Pathways and the Model of Care.

I trust this answers your query and please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the CEO should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

**Anne Coyle** 

**Chief Executive Officer** 

