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Ms. Niamh Smyth T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 32174/23 *“To ask the Minister for Health the new or expanded services being provided in counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2023 and to date in 2024, within the healthcare system in hospitals.”*

Parliamentary Question 32176/23 *“To ask the Minister for Health the services, staffing and extra beds introduced to Monaghan Hospital in the past 16 months; his plans to enhance services further in the future at Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. “*

Dear Deputy Smyth,

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.

Cavan and Monaghan Hospital is part of the RCSI Hospital Group. Cavan General Hospital and Monaghan Hospital are 46 km apart and they operate as a single hospital, with an integrated managerial and clinical governance system, care pathways and support functions. Cavan General and Monaghan Hospital currently provide services to the population of both counties and its catchment area extends to counties Meath, Longford and Leitrim.

Cavan General Hospital is a Level 3 hospital and Monaghan Hospital is a Level 2 hospital. All acute in-patient services are based in Cavan General Hospital. Both Hospital sites provide extensive Outpatient, Theatre and Day Services. Cavan General Hospital is a teaching hospital with links to the Royal College of Surgeons, Royal College of Physicians, and the Dundalk Institute of Technology.

Service Development/ New Initiatives

- Reestablishment of Medical assessment Cavan Hospital
- Further integration with Services for older persons (Lisdarn Unit)
- Further development of Geriatric assessment hub
- Streaming pathways within the Emergency Department
- Chronic disease hub development – collaborative approach from acute and community
- Development of a FITT team supporting frailty presentations in Emergency Department
- Development of early supported discharge teams.
- Integration with nursing homes within the Cavan and Monaghan area to provide an integrated approach and some support from the acute sites
- Expansion of cardiology services with an ECHO and EST room
- Development of a pain service
- Development of Virtual Wards - Respiratory and Cardiology
- Ongoing expansion of pathways in AMAU
- Surgical Assessment Unit, Cavan General Hospital
- Oncology Day Unit
- Aseptic Pharmacy
- Day Ward Capacity

- Second CT room, Cavan General Hospital
- Expansion of hours for Minor Injury Unit – 7 days a week, 12-hour days
- Antenatal Services & the Development dysphasia of the Hip Clinic (DDH) transferred to the Monaghan Hospital Site from St Davnets
- New Additional Clinics in Monaghan Hospital
- New Ambulatory Gynae Pathway
- Additional 8x beds Monaghan Hospital
- Two Digital x-ray rooms, Monaghan Hospital

Capital Developments

- Additional car parking
- ED extension to include Endoscopy and additional ward space.
- Electrical infrastructure upgrade campus wide with plans to upgrade water supply to Hospital.
- Ongoing ward patient area upgrades.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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