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To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 10 of 29 February 2024, if the proposal for an externally contracted satellite haemodialysis unit at Ennis has been granted approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Violet-Anne Wynne

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

UL Hospitals Group is seeking to establish a haemodialysis service in Ennis. We envisage that this unit will be similar to the satellite centre already in place in the Fresenius Medical Care Centre, Limerick.

The tender process for the contracted satellite haemodialysis unit in Ennis is now complete and we have identified a supplier. HSE Mid West has identified funding to support the commencement of this vital service in the interim in 2025. As the contract value is in the region of €3m per annum and the total amount of the contract exceeds what can be approved locally, a number of steps to finalise the arrangements are ongoing.

In addition, UL Hospitals Group, works with NAS and other ambulance/transport services to provide an inter-hospital transfer system for inpatients to ensure the right care is delivered in the right place at the right stage of the patient journey.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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