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Mr. Paul McAuliffe T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 35451/24 “To ask the Minister for Health for an update on improvements to service delivery in Cappagh Hospital and any waiting list reductions. - Paul McAuliffe”

Dear Deputy McAuliffe,

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.

Service Development/ New Initiatives

HDU, New Ward Blocks and Operating Theatres: Phase 1 Development of the new hospital (Masterplan).

Scope Phase 1A: 72 Ward Beds to include 10 HDU beds, 5 new theatres (3 Fully Fitted, 2 Shell & Core).

Status: Funding approval of some of the cost has been allocated for 2024 to progress this project to preliminary design (Stage 1). It is envisaged that the Design Team will complete Stage 1 Preliminary Design by year end and quickly proceed to Stage 2 Planning.

Paediatric Radiology Clinic Phase 3: New Radiology Building on site

Scope: A radiology suite and other clinical spaces /treatment rooms at the ground floor level, additional educational and research facilities at the first-floor level, or additional outpatient clinic space in the short-term.

Status: Planning permission has been granted and detailed design is complete. Anticipated to commence in December 2024/January 2025

Fulltime NOHC Surgical Post

An application for a fulltime surgical post was approved and advertised in September 2024. Interviews will be held in October 2024. This appointment will lead to a reduction in waiting times for surgery, as well as a reduction in OPD waiting lists.

Waiting List Reductions

IPDC Waiting list – reduction of 8.7% (Dec 2023 v Aug 2024) OP Waiting List – reduction of 12% (Dec 2023 v Aug 2024)

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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