

Deputy Denis Naughten
Houses of the Oireachtas
Kildare St
Dublin 2.

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Rep Question: *'To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the provision of a modular emergency department extension at Portiuncula University Hospital, Ballinasloe, County Galway to ensure that there is a separate stream for patients with Covid-19 or other infectious diseases'*


Dear Deputy Naughton,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of representations in relation to the above which was submitted.

The hospital has submitted plans for a modular extension to the current Emergency Department, however, at the present time the hospital and HSE West Estates are focusing on the conversion of the existing Outpatient's Department to 12 single rooms to create additional capacity on the site. This will enhance patient flow from the Emergency Department and provide additional isolation facilities which is critically required.

I trust that this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely



Mr James Keane
General Manager.