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Ms Edwina Leonard
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Dear Ms Leonard

The Minister for Health, Simon Harris, T.D., has asked me to thank you for your recent letter concerning the Tallaght Area Committee Meeting Motion regarding the trolley situation at the Emergency Department (ED) of Tallaght University Hospital.

The Minister is committed to addressing the problem of overcrowding in Emergency Departments, and, in particular, the capacity of the system to respond during periods of peak demand.

As you may be aware, the Health Service Capacity Review recommends an additional 2,600 acute beds by 2031 in the context of significant reform over the next 10-15 years, as envisaged by the Sláintecare Report. The Minister is currently considering capacity proposals from the HSE which aim to front load additional bed capacity into the system in 2018 and into 2019 and 2020 to alleviate overcrowding and improve preparedness for winter 2018/2019. Plans to improve acute bed capacity in Tallaght University Hospital with a view to alleviating congestion in the ED are included within these proposals and the Minister would like to assure you that these proposals are being given careful consideration.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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Private Secretary*****

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