

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2022**

Question

“Will the Minister –

- (a) provide estimates of the anticipated maintenance and repair costs for the General Hospital at the Gloucester Street site to ensure that it remains fit for purpose and safe for the 3 years from 2023 to 2026 while the development of new facilities goes ahead; and
- (b) advise what measures, if any, will be put in place to maintain the existing facilities during the same period?”

Answer

- a. The budget allocated for the routine maintenance of the Hospital estate is currently circa £7m per annum. In addition to this, the capital programme allows for investment of £5m for backlog maintenance. This allowance in future budgets was due to decrease in the anticipation of the delivery of a new hospital by 2026. Following the publication of the 100-day review, the single site, single phase Overdale scheme, will not be deliverable by 2026. With this announcement the estates team have commenced detailed work to cost what this may mean financially to maintain the hospital beyond 2026. Currently the anticipated figure is not known and given the changes to the market, would not be prudent to estimate at this time.
- b. There is already a well established and comprehensive programme of backlog maintenance in place to ensure that all hospital sites remain operational and safe, ensuring mandatory fire safety requirements and statutory safety legislation are met. In addition to this the team are competent and capable to react responsively to any unplanned works. This maintenance plan will remain in place until it is superseded by new maintenance plans that support the new healthcare facilities.