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Dear Pamela,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of correspondence from Deputy Brendan Howlin in respect of the 24 hour Accident and Emergency Department in Wexford General Hospital.

A significant element in the Health Service Executive's Transformation Programme (2007-2010) is the ongoing review of acute hospital services and their configuration. The HSE future strategies for health service delivery are now proceeding to implementation through the Transformation Programme. The aim is to substantially align Irish health services with recognised international best practice.

A steering group has been established to lead the project to plan and implement the acute hospital transformation programme in the South East. The title of the project is "Future Development of Acute Hospital Services".

No plans have yet been agreed or drawn up in relation to any service or hospital in the south east.

The main role of the Steering Group is to develop a Strategic Plan for the future organisation of Acute Hospital Services in HGSE with reference to HSE Corporate Strategy, National Service Plan and best practice. The project is in the initial development stage.

Yours sincerely,

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