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Ms Niamh Smyth T.D.  
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Dublin 2.

**Re: *Parliamentary Question 13583/19 “To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a service (details supplied) in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the stage plans are at; the timeframe for introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Niamh Smyth”***

***Details Supplied: Seven hospitals across the country are to receive funding to support the improvement of end-of-life and bereavement care. Cavan, Limerick, Portlaoise, and Wexford, as well as Dublin's Beaumont, Connolly and Mater Hospitals are to benefit from the Design and Dignity Grant Scheme. The scheme will fund new facilities in the hospitals to support families who are facing the death of a loved one. Manager of the programme Mary Lovegrove says sometimes the simple things make a big difference.***

Dear Deputy Smyth,

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 examined the matter, the following outlines the position.

I can confirm that the project group for this facility have been identified. Plans are being drawn up by the relevant personnel with an expected time frame of one year for completion.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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