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**PQ 48283/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the development of inpatient capacity for mental health services within the Waterford and Wexford LHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed that matter and the following is the position:*

I can confirm that a business case is in the process of development for submission to HSE Estates with regard to the replacement of the Department of Psychiatry, University Hospital, Waterford. When completed the business case will be presented by HSE Estates for consideration for inclusion on the HSE National Capital Plan. Decisions in relation to all capital business plans are subject to available resources within the national capital fund.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Heffernan".

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**David Heffernan**  
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