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PQ 48863/19 * To ask the Minister for Health his long-term plans for a number of community hospitals in County Donegal including the community hospital in Lifford, Ramelton and St Joseph's Hospital, Stranorlar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Charlie McConalogue

Dear Deputy McConalogue,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Lifford Community Hospital - The assessment of the current building structure and plan indicate the facility has a number of challenging factors to enable the delivery of high quality, dignified nursing care. The development of Lifford Community Hospital on the existing site is not deemed viable. The need for additional beds and the potential to develop a new facility on a greenfield site will be reviewed further post 2021 when new census data is available and the recommend capital programme is advanced.

St Joseph's Community Hospital, Stranorlar & Ramelton Community Hospital - The retention of services in St. Joseph's Community Hospital Stranorlar and Ramelton Community Hospital with a requirement for refurbishment of both centres is included in the Capital Plan 2016 – 2021. These projects will be progressed when funding becomes available and timelines confirmed on receipt of funding. In the short-term the HSE will invest minor capital in both units in 2019 & 2020 in order to deal with HIQA compliance issues and an agreed schedule of works is being finalised with HIQA. An application to appoint Design Teams for works at both units will be contained in the North West Estates submission for capital in 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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