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**PQ 49655/19 \* To ask the Minister for Health the level of capital funding allocated towards the development of the new facilities and upgrading of existing facilities at a health facility (details supplied); the works undertaken to date in 2019; the expenditure in this regard; the works to be undertaken at the facility in 2020; the projected expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Smith**

Need to provide additional facilities and upgrade existing facilities such as the Emergency Department at Cavan General Hospital

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive 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.

A project at Cavan General Hospital which included works to the adult cystic fibrosis area, children's cystic fibrosis area, endoscopy, electrical upgrade, some additional in-patient beds and palliative care was included in the HSE's Capital Plan in 2014. The total cumulative cost of this project was €5.8million.

A design team was appointed in 2015 and a feasibility study was completed on the proposed project. In 2016 a capital grant was approved as part of this phased redevelopment for upgrade works to the adult and children's cystic fibrosis areas along with an element of the electrical upgrade and these works were completed with an investment of €2.1 m. The remainder of the phased redevelopment project did not progress any further at that time as clarification was required from the Service with regard to the overall hospital priorities and palliative care needs.

Hospital Management and HSE Estates have met to discuss Cavan and Monaghan Hospital needs and priorities within the wider RSCI Hospital Group and this review is on-going.

A business case for a project within the ED Department was recently submitted to and evaluated by the National Capital & Property Steering Committee (NC&PSC) and has been recommended for inclusion in the HSE's capital programme. It is hoped that this project can be progressed in 2020, subject to funding availability.

Some capital has also been allocated in 2019 for minor capital works and fire safety upgrade works within the hospital.

Yours sincerely,

**Jim Curran**  
Head of Estates