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Deputy Gerry Adams Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

RE PQ 38372/19: To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed additional nursing home beds at a hospital (details supplied).

St Mary's Hospital, Drogheda, Co Louth

Dear Deputy Adams,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question and Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

On the 29/10/2019 - In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000, the HSE received notification of a decision to issue planning permission for the new 30 bed Dementia Unit at St Mary's Hospital Drogheda subject to any appeals made to An Bord Pleanála.

Subject to a Decision to Grant Planning Permission under the act, the HSE will proceed to Stage 2C of the design, as per the HSE Capital Projects Approvals Protocol.

The HSE subject to the above planning and approvals protocol will endeavour to start construction of this project in 2020 for completion in 2021.

The above project will delivered on a phased basis. Phase 1, as outlined above, is the new build of three households comprising of 10 beds per household. This building will replace the existing Boyne View House. Phase 2 will consist of the refurbishment to St. Mary's Drogheda in order to comply with HIQA regulations and improve quality of life for the residents.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett Chief Officer

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