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Leinster House,
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PQ 15380/20 * To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding to develop a new endoscopy wing at Cavan General Hospital by the RCSI hospital group has not been allocated to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Niamh Smyth

Dear Deputy Smyth,

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 and some additional in-patient beds was included in the HSE's Capital Plan in 2015. 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 €2.1m. The remainder of the phased redevelopment project did not progress any further at that time.

It is now proposed to advance this project to the next stage in view of the hospitals urgent needs and the design team have now been re-engaged to progress the design for the remaining elements of this project. We expect to have initial designs for review in Quarter 3 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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