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Deputy P Mac Lochlainn
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ ref 18175/20

“To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will ensure that the delays in delivering the additional and required four New suites at a hospice (details supplied) are resolved and that the amount of matching funding sought from the Voluntary committee supporting the hospice is reviewed on a realistic basis.”

Dear Deputy Mac Lochlainn

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 Chief Officer, CHO 1 for response.

As yet no final decision has been made on the extension to Donegal Hospice proposed by the voluntary committee. Any decision taken will be cognizant of the Palliative Care Development Framework 2017 – 2019 which identifies the need for planning for Palliative Care service provision in Ireland in the years ahead, with due consideration being given to Ireland’s ageing population, a growing demand for services, the full inclusion of patients with chronic illnesses accessing palliative care, and support for the move away from acute hospital-centric health service delivery to care delivery at/or close to home and in appropriate facilities. Donegal Hospice Co. Ltd, that is, the voluntary committee, had agreed to cover the capital costs of the extension with HSE Estates having estimated the total project cost, in March 2019, to be circa €1.43m.

You will be aware from the HSE’s response provided to you on July 21st 2020 of the revenue funding required should the inpatient unit increase from an eight to a twelve bedded unit. The requirement will not be significant should four of the current bed types be reconfigured to four new apartment type beds.

The HSE will engage further with the voluntary committee regarding revenue funding when a decision on the extension type to be progressed is made. However it would not be prudent to progress any extension without a clear requirement for same and an available revenue stream to support any capital spend being operationalized

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dermot".

Dermot Monaghan,
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