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**Deputy Róisín Shortall,  
Dail Eireann  
Dublin 2.**

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**To ask the Minister for Health the status of progress with phase 2 of the National Forensic Mental Health capital project which will provide new regional intensive care rehabilitation units in the HSE west and HSE south areas in view of the reported imminent opening of the new National Forensic Mental Health Service Hospital, Portrane, County Dublin; if the site selection and pre-planning for the two units has commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Shortall ,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Vision for Change (2006) made recommendations for the provision of four Intensive Care Rehabilitation Units (ICRU's) spread geographically across the country. The first of these four units is being completed as part of the new development and replacement of the Central Mental Hospital on the St Ita's Hospital Site in Portrane. The construction of the additional three ICRU's is not part of the National Forensic Mental Health Service development current Capital programme of works.

The recent publication 'Sharing a Vision – A Health Policy for Everyone' (2020), details within Chapter 3 the need for a review of all existing in-patient capacity in adult services and recommends that a committee is established to undertake this piece of work. In addition, this new policy document recommends that the operation of the new ICRU centre in Portrane should be reviewed in order to determine the need for and effectiveness of this type of model of care and the possible location of further ICRU's in the future (pg.51).

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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