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PQ 13226/20

'To ask the Minister for Health when the necessary works will be carried out in Belmullet District Hospital, County Mayo to enable patients to be admitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter'.

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

I refer to PQ 13226/20 uploaded on the PAD System on 24th June 2020 and due for response on 13th July 2020 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning 'when the necessary works will be carried out in Belmullet District Hospital, County Mayo to enable patients to be admitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter'. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

An Infection Prevention and Control review was carried out during the outbreak on the Belmullet Campus. There was a set of recommendations from this report which included necessary maintenance work to be carried out to ensure a safer environment for both patients and staff. Unfortunately despite the outbreak being stood down admissions cannot be accepted until the identified risk issues have been addressed.

The maintenance issues raised by the Director of Nursing of Belmullet District Hospital have been escalated through the governance structure both in Older People Services, Community Healthcare West and the Saolta Hospital Group. Currently the maintenance of Belmullet District Hospital is under the governance structure of the Saolta Hospital Group. It is hoped to carry out the maintenance works on the Belmullet Campus at the earliest possible opportunity so that admissions to the unit can recommence as soon as is possible after that time.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

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