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**Re: PQ – 34939/20 – To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a new hospice in Drogheda town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Fergus O'Dowd**

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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 outline the position as follows.

On receipt of your PQ, my colleague Joseph Ruane (Head of Primary Care CHO8) and Prof Dominic O'Brannagain, discussed your queries and it was agreed that Prof O'Brannagain would reach out to you and update you on developments and provide an opportunity for you to raise any subsequent queries you may have.

It's my understanding that this has engagement has occurred and this will continue.

In summary, the proposals for the development of a Palliative Care Unit are underway by a third party with HSE involvement. We are currently at pre-planning stage and the third parties expect to submit plans for a Palliative Care Unit in Drogheda in April 2021. We will have update meeting with you prior to the submission of plans.

In the interim if you have any further queries please do not hesitate in contacting Prof O'Brannagain or Joseph Ruane.

I trust the above is in order and sorry again for the delay in the response.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah McBride  
Chief Officer  
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation