



Mr. Denis Naughten, TD,  
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**PQ 24390/20 \* To ask the Minister for Health when the development of the new 50-bed long-stay facility at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Roscommon will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Denis Naughten**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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.

The HSE is currently in the process of appointing a design team for the development of the new 50-bed long-stay facility at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Roscommon. A shortlist of design firms has been formed for each of the six disciplines required namely architectural, building services engineering, civil & structural engineering, fire safety engineering, project supervisor design stage and quantity surveying services. It is a priority to seek tenders for design services from these six shortlists over the coming weeks and to then complete the evaluation process with a view to formally appointing a design team for the project before the end of 2020. The design process itself will take approximately 12 months to complete including securing planning permission (once granted) for the development during 2021. It is envisaged that construction works will commence in 2022, subject to the availability of funding at that time.

Yours sincerely,

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