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PQ 19258/21* To ask the Minister for Health if an expected timeline of completion has been given for the children's hospital, Cork. -Thomas Gould

Dear Deputy Gould,

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 preliminary design of Phase 2 of the Paediatric Department at CUH has been completed. With the introduction of a Phase 3 element of this project to be developed in conjunction with Phase 2, the overall cost of the project will exceed €20m and therefore, a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) is required for the project in order to receive approval to progress to the next stage. This process commenced in March 2020 but, due to the global pandemic, progress on the CBA was stalled.

The CBA process recommenced in September 2020.

When the CBA is completed it will be submitted to HSE and Dept. of Health for approval to proceed with the project (i.e. Phase 2/3 combined).

The next step following approval is to advance a planning application for the project. It is hoped that the process of approving the CBA and advancing the planning application will be concluded in 2021 with the overall delivery of the Paediatric Phase 2 and 3 project estimate at 4 – 5 years on the basis that the design is currently at preliminary stage.

Yours sincerely,

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