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PQ 205683/21 * To ask the Minister for Health when the announced capital works for a 75-bed unit at Wexford General Hospital will commence; the allocated funding for this unit for 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Howlin

Dear Deputy Howlin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The new 75 Bed Replacement Medical Ward Block project estimated at €23.6m was considered at the HSE's National Capital & Property Steering Group meeting in August 2019 and was approved to progress to the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) stage as the total project cost is greater than €20m. The CBA was submitted to the HSE recommending the construction of a 125 Bed Ward Block as the optimum solution. In 2020, in response to Covid 19 demand/projected demand, a Stage 1 (Preliminary Design) was completed which demonstrated that a 96 Bed Ward Block was best option for the site, taking account of connectivity to the hospital, proximity to residential area and local Planning constraints.

A letter of approval for the 96 bed ward block has been issued confirming funding of €100,000 is available to enable the project now advance to its next stage. This will see the development of the Preliminary Business Case and Project Review 2 Report for the project.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran
National Director, Estates