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PQ ref 60771/21 To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the eating disorder service in Mount Carmel Community Hospital, Dublin 14 that was due to open in 2021.

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

It was originally estimated that the new premises in Mount Carmel would be up and running by the end of 2021. However, there was a delay in building works due to the pandemic, as is the case with many building projects. Construction supplies and works increased in cost. Both issues resulted in the estimated opening date for the new premises at Mount Carmel being pushed back to 2022, while additional funding was sourced within the mental health allocation. The required funding was secured and the HSE is now progressing further with the project. It is planned that the new premises will be operational in June 2022.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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General Manager Mental Health
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