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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne, TD
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 62758/21

To ask the Minister for Health when the proposed long stay unit in St. Josephs Hospital in Ennis County Clare will become operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Wynne

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 the following outlines the position.

The plan for the new long stay older persons residential unit is that it will be built on lands comprising 5.09 acres at Diocesan lands located near the Turnpike in Ennis, Co. Clare. The sale of the site is subject to planning permission for the development of a 100 bed Community Nursing Unit.

The Project will see a new state-of-the-art facility providing a 100 bed HIQA Compliant Community Nursing Unit for long stay residents including 88 single, 4 twin rooms and 4 palliative care facilities. A full design team were appointed in March 2021 following tender and evaluation. The design team have been developing the scheme for the new development and engaging with stakeholders. The HSE hope to have planning permission application lodged by quarter 1 2022. The funding associated with the design fees for the project are prioritised with in the capital plan for 2022. The operational date can be estimated once statutory approvals are secured.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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