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PQ 10833/20 * To ask the Minister for Health if the necessary funding will be made available to ensure no further time is lost in progressing the provision of urgently required acute beds for the mid-west region given that planning permission has been granted for the development of a new 96 bed ward block at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Joe Carey

Dear Deputy Carey,

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.

Following receipt of the final grant of planning in early March 2021, the design team have commenced on the detailed design and preparation of the procurement documents for the project. Provision of funding for this design work has already been provided in the HSE Capital Plan in 2021. It is planned to have the project tendered and a preferred contractor selected by the end of 2021. The construction period from contractor appointment would be approximately eighteen months.

The funding allocation in the following years will be subject to capital funding availability for the works within the future Health Capital vote at national level.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran
National Director Estates