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To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of the works to upgrade St. Anthony's unit in Clonmel, County Tipperary; the capacity, role and specifications of the upgraded unit; the purpose the original building will serve once patents are transferred to the upgraded facility; if the establishment of the new unit will have any impact on service provision at St. Theresa's in Clogheen, County Tipperary; and if there are plans to centralise services to St. Anthony's.

Dear Deputy Browne

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

I can advise that a replacement building for St Anthony's Unit Clonmel has been approved under Public Private Partnership. This Unit will comprise of 50 single rooms (to comply with national HIQA standards) long term residential care Older Persons Services for the South Tipperary area.

HSE Estates Services have advised that enabling works for this development have commenced.

With regard to the old building it is understood that this will be subject to an option appraisal in terms of any proposed future usage/service provision.

St Theresa's Hospital Clogheen will continue to provide short stay services for patients who have completed the acute phase of their illness and who now require additional community support in order to assist them in their discharge home. In addition patients may also transfer from St Theresa's to long-term care facilities / other specialist units (e.g. Rehabilitation Unit) as appropriate for their assessed care needs. The hospital also accepts community admissions for palliative care patients.

I trust this is of assistance. Should you have further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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