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Ms Sorca Clarke T.D.,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 17269/21

To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the expected cost of the work to take place in the introduction of palliative care units in CHO8 in 2021, 2022 and 2023. -Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you recently submitted. In advance of preparing this response I have liaised with the relevant Service Manager.

Palliative Care services are developed in line with national policy, Sláintecare, the HSE's Palliative Care Development Framework, and the Palliative Model of Care.

HSE palliative care strategy includes the development of a national network of specialist palliative care inpatient units (IPU's Hospices) with a view to ensuring individuals and families have access to hospice care within their region.

An effective funding partnership model has existed/exists for each new hospice – the capital for the unit is provided through fundraising. The HSE usually provides fit-out costs, and the operational revenue is sourced through the estimates process.

Midlands Hospice

The 16-20 bed hospice planned to serve the population of the four Midland counties will be located in the grounds of the Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore. Offaly Hospice Foundation and Hooves for Hospice (through the Tullamore Lions Club) are close to raising €1.5 Million towards the build. Discussions are on-going regarding the full capital requirements and when this has been agreed design / construction companies will be tendered for. In the meantime HSE Estates has agreed to provide funding from the capital budget to enable initial architectural plans to be drafted. It is not possible to indicate an opening date at this time. A revenue plan will be developed and funding will be sought through the estimates process in the appropriate year.

North East Hospice

The 30-36 bed hospice planned for the region will be located in Drogheda on a site adjacent to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda and will serve the population of the Northeast. Project Managers and Architects have been retained by a philanthropic donor and work is on-going on the initial drawings. Planning is to be applied for in Q3 2021 with estimated opening in Q4 2023. A revenue plan is being developed and funding will be sought through the estimates process in 2022.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Des O'Flynn
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