



Mr. Matt Shanahan, TD,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 53808/21* To ask the Minister for Health if the new outpatient development is being actively planned for at University Hospital Waterford (details supplied); if it is a recognised and required capital infrastructure project agreed by the management of the Southwest Hospital Group; if funding is ring-fenced for this project; the status of the design and build tender and the derogation for planning permission; the expected date of commencement and completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan

Details Supplied: A recent statement from UHW HSE indicated that advanced clinical planning was being undertaken to provide for new capital development on site at UHW to cater for a new outpatients department. The preferred location was to build on the existing hospital roof with capital funding to be supplied through emergency covid contingency funding.

Dear Deputy Shanahan,

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.

With reference to proposals to develop new Out-Patient capacity at University Hospital Waterford, it should be noted that there are a number of initiatives to increase Out-Patient capacity underway:

1. Decanting of Non-Acute and Non-Frontline services off site.

HSE Occupational Health Department are moving out to rental premises in nearby Ardkeen Shopping Centre. This will free up approx. 300 sq metres (one OPD suite of rooms) by the end of November 2021.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services are due to move out to new accommodation at the new Primary Care Centre, Ferrybank, Waterford (in construction) by the end of Quarter 1 2022. This will free-up approx. 350 sq metres (one OPD Suite).

Orthodontics and Audiology services are scheduled to move to new accommodation at St Otteran's Hospital campus in Quarter 3 / Quarter 4 2022. This will free up 2 OPD suites.

Other options for Non Acute Services, on site, are being progressed/ being assessed.

2. Development of Modular OPD Unit at University Hospital Waterford - Contracted

This consists of a new 2 storey modular building sited across the internal roadway from existing Out-Patients and Renal Dialysis Units. Site preparation works are near completion. The Modular Unit is scheduled for completion by the end of Quarter 1 2022. This will provide 900 Sq metre of new space (2 Large OPD Suites).

This building, along with a number of others across the South East is considered Essential Emergency Works under the COVID derogation on Building Regulations. All buildings are being developed in compliance with Building Regulations.

3. Proposed development of new OPD suites over existing OPD Suites 5 and 6.

This is currently in detailed design. The HSE are reviewing options for procurement / funding. Current contractual commitment is for design services only.

Yours sincerely,



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