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Deputy Pádraig Mac Lochlainn
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: PQ 58718/21 To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE did not ensure that the roof was repaired at Lifford Hospital, County Donegal by January 2021 as required by HIQA; when the hospital will reopen; and the HSEs long-terms plan for services at Lifford Hospital.

Dear Deputy MacLochlainn,

HIQA carried out inspections in 2019 and 2021 in Lifford Community Hospital. From reviewing the HIQA inspection reports, it is evident that there are a number of improvements which indicates progress within the different Regulations, for example; Directory of Residents, Contracts for the Provision of Service, Personal Possessions, Risk Management, Medicines & Pharmaceutical Services and the Protection of Residents. It is also noted by the Service, there are key areas which require further attention in order to meet full compliance with the Regulations, the most challenging of which are the Regulations of Fire and Premises.

As indicated in the 2019 report, the damage to the roof was deemed the prime contributor to the state of the repair of the building structure and the essential repair of the roof was a priority for the Service. I can confirm that the HSE Estates/Maintenance Departments undertook a scoping exercise of the works to be completed on the roof repairs and guttering. Following this exercise the Estates Department commenced a tendering process in 2020 to repair the roof. Unfortunately, this process was delayed due to Public Health Restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic. The repairs to the roof commenced under the guidance of the HSE Estates Department in June, 2021.

Outline of works carried out at Lifford CNU to date,

Roof works

- Gutters repaired/replaced : All section sections of gutter on the main building were cleaned, joints repaired and lined with PVC Trocal layer



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- A number of sections at the rear of the building could not be repaired and were replaced and Trocal lined
- All chimneys sealed plus 1 new capping installed
- Flat valley lead replacement/repairs
- 2 number roof barges relined with lead
- 2 number roof lights removed, trimmed, and slated
- Broken ridge tiles replaced

The above works have been completed and currently being monitored

The temporary closure of Lifford Community Hospital has allowed for a review of the building by HSE Estates to be carried out. The review identifies the minimum scope of priority works required at Lifford Community Hospital to allow the hospital to be put back into Service operation. A submission for Capital funding will be submitted for Capital Approval in January 2022.

The project programme will be subject to Capital Projects approval process and available funding.

Upon National HSE approval being obtained, the works will be completed within the facility which will then operate as a Short Stay Unit under the Safer Better Healthcare Regulations. Services provided will be Respite, Rehabilitation, Assessment and Convalescent Care.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Morrison', written over a horizontal dashed line.

Mr Frank Morrison
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