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PQ 47652/21 * To ask the Minister for Health if an application for planning permission has been lodged in respect of the planned outpatient block in Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; when construction will commence on the planned outpatient block; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Connolly

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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.

Planning for the proposed new Outpatients Department (OPD) and Adult Cystic Fibrosis OPD was submitted to Galway City Council at the end of August 2021. A decision from Galway City Council is due by the end of October 2021. The development includes a two-storey OPD and an adjacent separate single storey Adult Cystic Fibrosis OPD (i.e. 2 separate buildings), 88 parking spaces, bicycle parking, pedestrian footpaths, lighting and associated signage and landscaping.

Subject to a successful grant of planning from Galway City Council at the end of October, the OPD and Adult Cystic Fibrosis OPD project will be tendered through the Public Procurement process to appoint the main building contractor, progressing the construction phase in 2022 and having the new facilities ready for early 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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