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**PQ 19609/22 \* To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new children's hospital; if the planned national eating disorders centre is included in the plan; the number of beds that will be included in the build; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward**

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

The construction of the New Children's Hospital (NCH) at St. James' Hospital Campus is underway and has reached roof level. The two associated satellite centres at Connolly Hospital and at Tallaght University Hospital are completed and operational.

There will be a dedicated 20 bed child and adolescent psychiatry inpatient unit in the new children's hospital, 8 beds of which will be dedicated to the inpatient treatment of children and adolescents with eating disorders.

The number of beds included in the NCH is 320 individual inpatient rooms, 60 individual critical care rooms, and 93-day beds.

Yours sincerely,

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