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20th December 2022

PQ 60707/22*To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to build a new community hospital at Lifford, County Donegal; and the services to be provided there. - Pádraig Mac Lochlainn

Dear Deputy Mac Lochlainn

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.

A capital project initiation submission for the provision of a new twenty five bed community hospital and a primary care centre at Lifford, County Donegal was approved by the National Capital and Property Steering Committee of the HSE in September 2022.

A full capital submission is currently being progressed by HSE Capital and Estates for consideration by the National Capital and Property Steering Committee. This is expected to be submitted in Quarter 1, 2023, if approved this will facilitate the normal business case, design and planning process for a project of this type.

The proposed accommodation in the community hospital in Lifford includes 22 single bed ensuite rooms, 1 palliative care single ensuite room with an adjoining family room and 1 No 2 bed room with ensuite together with necessary support accommodation.

The proposed Primary Care Centre in Lifford will enable the delivery of care and supports to people across the continuum of their lives, close to home, through a community-based approach and incorporates general practice, with capacity to develop a range of diagnostic, treatment and support service.





It will involve the co-location of Older Persons Services with Primary Care Services and Children's Disability Network Team specific to the geographical area in line with the Enhanced Community Care Programme (ECC). Primary Care services will include GPs, Public Health Nurses, Community Health Network Therapy staff and Dental Services. It will also provide for visiting services including Ophthalmology, Mental Health and Addiction Services and enable the delivery of health promotion programmes to combat chronic diseases and provide for bookable clinical space to enable the rollout of ECC.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul de Freine', written in a cursive style.

Paul de Freine
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Capital & Estates