

Mr James Lawless, TD Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2

22nd December 2022

PQ 61178/22* To ask the Minister for Health the status of the endoscopy unit in Naas Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -James Lawless

Dear Deputy Lawless,

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 process to appoint a design team is underway to update the design process for the Endoscopy Unit in Naas Hospital and to progress through the pre-tender design and planning stages of work in 2023.

Provision of the second endoscopy room is acknowledged as a priority for the hospital and the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group.

The project will also be subject to the requirements of the Public Spending Code. In this regard a Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) and a Preliminary Business Case (PBC) are to be prepared for approval. Coordinated programming of this and other projects at Naas Hospital is to be reviewed and agreed by stakeholders as the updated design process advances.

Yours sincerely,

Paul de Freine National Director,

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