



Mr Bernard J. Durkan, TD  
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Leinster House,  
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**PQ 61630/22\* To ask the Minister for Health when the promised phase of the Naas Hospital development plan will be activated in accordance with the original projections; when the facility will be completed and opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Bernard J. Durkan**

Dear Deputy Durkan,

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 current position in respect of four projects under active consideration at Naas Hospital is set out below.

**12 Bed Isolation Ward:**

This project is currently under construction. It is expected to be complete end February 2023 and commissioned, equipped and operational in May 2023.

**Acute Mental Health Unit:**

Development of the proposed new unit is a high priority for the HSE's mental health service division. The project is subject to the Public Spending Code, and in this regard a Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) is expected to be resubmitted in early 2023 for endorsement. Priority in 2023 will be to bring the project through design and planning stages with a view to early commencement of construction. In this context, detailed consideration is to be given to project phasing and programmes, recognising overall site development needs.

**Endoscopy-Oncology:**

The process to appoint a design team is underway to update the design process 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. As noted above, coordinated programming of this and other projects at Naas Hospital is to be reviewed and agreed by stakeholders as the updated design process advances.

**Acute Medical Assessment Unit (AMAU):**

Reconfiguration and refurbishment of existing space to provide 11 bedded AMAU is at appraisal stage and will be initiated through design and planning stages in 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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

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**Paul de Freine**  
**National Director,**  
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