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PQ 61715/22* To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 671 of 29 November 2022, the number of University of Limerick Hospital Group capital projects that the State has recently invested in; the plans underway to invest in further hospital capacity in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

In responding to this Parliamentary Question, the HSE is considering recent investment to include a four-year period between 2019 and 2022 inclusive. Information on capital projects at the University of Limerick Hospital Group are included in separate tables in an addendum to this letter.

The first table lists the thirty-two major capital projects relating to the University of Limerick Hospital Group that have been/are active between the period 2019 to 2022 inclusive.

The second table contains details of the sixty-seven minor capital projects for the University of Limerick Hospital Group, undertaken in the period 2019 to 2022 inclusive. The list includes projects to address infrastructural risk and several specific programmes including; antimicrobial resistance and infection control, design and dignity, equipment replacement, fire safety, medical gases and sustainable energy.

The third table includes details of the seven projects carried out in response to the emergency phase of the pandemic. This programme referred to as COVID 1, relates to projects specifically attributable to the University of Limerick Hospital Group.

The fourth table contains projects funded under a subsequent COVID-19 programme for the University of Limerick Hospital Group. This programme referred to as COVID 2, contains details of three projects which supported minor capital type works to aid the return to work/business continuity.



The fifth and final table lists the proposed major capital projects for the University of Limerick Hospital Group for which capital submissions have been received. These three projects have been included in the HSE Capital Plan for 2023, currently in draft format and awaiting Ministerial approval.

Yours sincerely,

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Addendum

Table 1 - University of Limerick Hospital Group: Major Capital Projects 2019 to 2022		
Project Name	Facility	Stage (as at end Q3 2022)
New theatres and upgrade of existing space (phased)	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital	Operational
Clinical education and research centre	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
Ward block replacement over emergency department and renal dialysis units	University Hospital Limerick	Construction
Ward block extension and refurbishment programme	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital	Operational
Equipping of Leben building	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
Reconfiguration of former ICU as surgical and pre-operative assessment unit	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
New blood science and pathology facility	University Hospital Limerick	Construction
Fire upgrade project including passive works	Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	Construction
Upgrade of fire detection and alarm system and emergency lighting	St. John's Hospital, Limerick	Operational
Reconfiguration of vacated emergency department to create a medical short stay unit	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
Fire safety upgrade (phase 1), fault tolerant network emergency lighting	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
Lift replacement programme	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
Out-patient department equipping, including x-ray room and other diagnostics	Ennis General Hospital	Operational
Additional bed capacity - new ward block	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
Production kitchen and catering upgrade	University Hospital Limerick	Design Feasibility
Modular new build thrombosis and coagulation, medical social work department, speech and language and occupational therapy	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
Purchase of Highfield Park Ennis, adjoining the hospital	Ennis General Hospital	Operational
Neo-natal expansion, relocation of clinical staff (phase 1), neo-natal spaces (phase 2)	Regional Maternity Hospital	Construction
New rapid build ward – COVID-19 action plan	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
New rapid build ward – COVID-19 action plan	Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	Operational

Construction of new modular COVID-19 laboratory	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
Storage location for equipment from COVID-19 step down facility at UL	Limerick University Hospital	Operational
Redevelopment (phase 1a), fit out of vacated areas, reconfiguration of layouts, viewing room for deceased	Ennis General Hospital	Operational
Redevelopment (phase 1b), fit out of vacated areas for local injuries unit	Ennis General Hospital	Operational
Emergency department fit-out	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
Construction and fit-out of a renal dialysis unit over the emergency department	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
Fire safety upgrade (phase 2), fire alarm and emergency lighting system	University Hospital Limerick	Construction
Orthopaedic surgical unit development, theatre and central sterile services department fit-out, including link to St. Anne's ward and lift upgrade	Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	Operational
COVID-19 medical gases resilience project essential works	University Hospital Limerick	Operational
Reconfiguration and extension of current radiology department. Second additional MRI	University Hospital Limerick	Detailed Design
New theatre block and central sterile services department with associated refurbishment	Ennis General Hospital	Detailed Design
Fit-out of leased office accommodation to enable service expansion	Raheen, Limerick, Houston Hall	Tender

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Table 2 - University of Limerick Hospital Group: Minor Capital Projects 2019 to 2022

Project	Facility	Programme
Doctor's residence - upgrade locker rooms	St. John's Hospital, Limerick	Antimicrobial Resistance & Infection Control (AMRIC)
Education centre - replace toilet and shower for staff	St. John's Hospital, Limerick	Antimicrobial Resistance & Infection Control (AMRIC)
Radiology department refurbish toilet and adjoining corridor	St. John's Hospital, Limerick	Antimicrobial Resistance & Infection Control (AMRIC)
Top floor removal of parker bath and installation of wet room	St. John's Hospital, Limerick	Antimicrobial Resistance & Infection Control (AMRIC)
Upgrade of dirty utility room	St. John's Hospital, Limerick	Antimicrobial Resistance & Infection Control (AMRIC)
First floor - replace room 6,7 and 8 doors with viewing panels	St. John's Hospital, Limerick	Antimicrobial Resistance & Infection Control (AMRIC)
Education centre upgrade of locker facility for staff	St. John's Hospital, Limerick	Antimicrobial Resistance & Infection Control (AMRIC)
Design team fees	St. John's Hospital, Limerick	Antimicrobial Resistance & Infection Control (AMRIC)
Upgrade to ward landing areas	University Hospital Limerick	Antimicrobial Resistance & Infection Control (AMRIC)
Design and dignity scheme	Ennis General Hospital	Design & Dignity Programme
Equipment replacement	Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	Equipment Replacement Programme
Equipment replacement	Ennis General Hospital	Equipment Replacement Programme
Equipment replacement	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital	Equipment Replacement Programme
Equipment replacement	Regional Maternity Hospital	Equipment Replacement Programme
Equipment replacement	St. John's Hospital, Limerick	Equipment Replacement Programme
Equipment replacement	University Hospital Limerick	Equipment Replacement Programme
Fire upgrade works	Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	Fire Safety
Fire detection and alarm	St. John's Hospital, Limerick	Fire Safety
Fire safety upgrade works	University Hospital Limerick	Fire Safety
Passive fire safety works	University Hospital Limerick	Fire Safety
Fire safety upgrade phase 1	University Hospital Limerick	Fire Safety
Fire safety upgrade phase 2	University Hospital Limerick	Fire Safety
Medical gas resilience	University Hospital Limerick	Medical Gases
Infrastructural risk upgrade works	Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Doctors Residence	Ennis General Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)

Miscellaneous works	Ennis General Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Theatre department upgrade works	Ennis General Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Car park redevelopment work	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Kitchen works	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Upgrade gas services	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Laboratory extension	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Medical assessment unit	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Information technology hub and radiology office upgrade	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Out-patient department upgrade works	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Site infrastructure	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Site remedial works	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Upgrade works	Regional Maternity Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Maternity birthing room	Regional Maternity Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Lift replacement	Regional Maternity Hospital	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Design team fees	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Radiology upgrade works	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Refurbishment work for surgical unit	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Boilerhouse upgrade works	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Emergency department paediatric accommodation	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Main entrance upgrade	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Pharmacy upgrade	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Replacement of air conditioning	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Ward refurbishment works	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Upgrade main entrance	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)

Hybrid theatre	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Office accommodation works	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Out-patient department replacement doors	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Pharmacy cytotoxic air handling	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Replace medical air plant	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Upgrade ward 1A for management of fracture patients	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Hot and cold water system upgrade	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Interim surface car parking facilities	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Decontamination unit	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Ward 1D upgrade project	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Hospital entrance area upgrade	University Hospital Limerick	Regional Minor Capital (Infrastructural Risk)
Advanced boiler control system	University Hospital Limerick	Sustainable Energy
Installation of additional energy efficient pumps	University Hospital Limerick	Sustainable Energy
Installation of a new combined heat and power system to replace existing redundant system	University Hospital Limerick	Sustainable Energy
Insulation of pipework	University Hospital Limerick	Sustainable Energy
Mechanical pumps replacement	University Hospital Limerick	Sustainable Energy
Combined heat and power project	University Hospital Limerick	Sustainable Energy
Insulation of main pipework in phase 1 roof	University Hospital Limerick	Sustainable Energy
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Table 3 - University of Limerick Hospital Group: COVID 1 Capital Projects		
Category	Facility	Project Description
Community Nursing Unit Beds	University Hospital Limerick	Development at University Hospital Limerick, unit 5b
Community Nursing Unit Beds	University Hospital Limerick	Development at University Hospital Limerick, psychiatry of old age
Intermediate Care Beds	Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	Development at intermediate care facility
Hospital Sites additional Acute Beds	University Hospital Limerick	External medical assessment unit access and extension
Hospital Sites additional Acute Beds	University Hospital Limerick	Car park spaces, 77 no. for twenty four bed inpatient modular unit
Additional Mortuary Capacity	University Hospital Limerick	Additional mortuary capacity
Medical Gases	University Hospital Limerick	Supply oxygen generation plant to increase acute hospital capacity
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Table 4 - University of Limerick Hospital Group: COVID 2 Capital Projects	
Project Name	Facility
Electrical Upgrade	Croom Orthopaedic Hospital
Isolation facility in medical assessment unit	Ennis General Hospital
Out-patient department clinical space expansion project	Nenagh Mid-West Regional Hospital
3 No. COVID-2 Capital Projects	

Table 5 - University of Limerick Hospital Group: Proposed Major Capital Projects		
Project Name	Facility	Stage as at (Q3, 2022)
Maternity relocation (national programme). Development of design brief and cost benefit analysis	University Hospital Limerick	Appraisal
Early pregnancy assessment unit	Regional Maternity Hospital	Appraisal
Extension to create day ward space	University Hospital Limerick	Appraisal
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