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Deputy Padraig O'Sullivan, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ ref 61721/22

"To ask the Minister for Health when a community nursing home (details supplied) in County Cork will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Details Supplied: A new HSE Community Nursing Home on the site of the old Blarney Hotel and Golf resort near Tower, Blarney, Co Cork

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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 former Blarney Golf and Leisure Resort was acquired by the HSE in 2021 to provide a 50 bed Community Nursing Unit for older people in Cork city. Although the HSE's aim is to support people to live in their own homes for as long as possible, there is a recognised shortage of public nursing home beds in the Cork city area. This development will go some way to addressing that shortage and will facilitate Cork Kerry Community Healthcare's provision of high quality residential care for older people who need such care.

Significant works were required to transform the former hotel into a community nursing unit. Conversion of the property into a HIQA compliant unit has been ongoing since the property was acquired and construction work has recently been completed.

The new building must be registered with HIQA as per the legislation set out in Schedule 1 of the Health Act 2007 (Registration of Designated Centres for Older People) Regulations 2015, as amended. As the facility is a Registered Centre for Older People, an official inspection by the regulator will take place following submission of an application for HIQA registration. Practical Completion has been issued on the facility; however, significant input is required prior to HIQA inspection. Capital and Estates department of HSE Cork/Kerry confirms that the current status of the build would indicate that an application for registration can be made in Q1 2023.

Workforce planning is well underway for this unit. Pending registration, formal commissioning and final contract handover, it is envisaged that the facility will be fully operational and staffed in Q2 2023.



I trust this clarifies the position. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Daly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'D'.

Jackie Daly
Head of Service for Older People

