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Leinster House,
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28th December 2022

PQ 62841/22* To ask the Minister for Health the expected cost overrun for the construction and operation of a facility (details supplied: Mount Carmel Eating Disorder facility) that was due to open in December 2021; the final cost of the construction and operation of the facility; when it will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 original overall capital cost of this project was approximately €2.8m. This is in line with the estimated cost of the project, as set out by the design team. Construction costs are included within this €2.8m total, and are in accordance with the tendered price for the original scope of works. Settlement of the final account will be achieved when the project is complete and operational. An estimate of the operational cost for this facility was €950,000 per year.

The above information was contained in our response to Parliamentary Question 43888 on 22nd September 2022, which is attached for your information.

In addition to the adult eating disorder unit which is being developed at Mount Carmel Hospital, it has been decided to develop a separate child and adolescent mental health service (CAMHS) eating disorder unit, within the footprint of the building. The cost of this additional scope of work is currently being finalised and the HSE are not in a position to advise the final capital costs at this time.





Due to the inclusion of the CAMHS element and the additional construction work required, it is anticipated that construction will now complete in Q3, 2023, by which time the Service will be in a position to confirm annual costs and a commencement date for operation of the facility.

Yours sincerely,

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