

28th July 2022

Deputy Niall Collins TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**RE: PQ 38044/22**

*To ask the Minister for Health his plans to progress the provision of additional beds at Tallaght University Hospital, if his attention has been drawn to the clear need for a positive decision in the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter*

Dear Deputy Collins

Tallaght University Hospital has made an initial capital submission proposal for a multi-floor capital project to the HSE National Capital Estates process for consideration. The capital project comprises a new six-floor building, including 72 bed inpatient accommodation, as well as endoscopy and oncology capacity. The Dublin Midlands Hospital Group is supportive of this proposal and await approval from HSE National Capital Estates process to move to the next stage.

Ongoing work to improve patient flow and ED pressures is a priority for the Hospital and the Hospital Group. Over the past 12 months the Hospital have had access to an additional 36 beds through Tymon Community Unit. As well as this an additional 12 beds are due to open in Quarter 3 of 2022 and there is ongoing work with Peamount Healthcare who are providing access to their 50 bedded rehabilitation Unit which is assisting the Hospital with patient flow.

In addition, the Hospital is continuing to work closely with CHO7 on the implementation of the Integrated Care Programme for Older Persons which aims to improve the life of older persons by providing access to integrated care and support that is planned around their needs and choices, supporting them to live well in their own homes and communities. This will support the timely care and treatment of older persons who attend our hospital and their follow up care in the community.

There will be a further expansion of the acute floor project in July 2022. The adult service will have additional space within the ED following the move of CHI's Childrens ED to a new purpose built urgent care centre on the campus. The acute floor development will have a dedicated acute frailty unit which will come under the clinical governance of a geriatrician and will be supported by therapy and nursing staff and this is fully supported by the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group. Recruitment for this development is underway.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours Sincerely



**Mr Trevor O' Callaghan**  
Chief Executive Officer