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Mr Sean Fleming T.D., Minister of State, Department of Finance, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Re: Parliamentary Question - 40260/22

To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a facility in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Sean Fleming

(Details) - Abbeyleix Community Hospital, Co. Laois and the re-opening of the Day Care Centre at the hospital and when this will be completed and if all the beds in the facility can be used as soon as possible to facilitate respite care and separately step down facilities from nearby hospitals.

Dear Minister Fleming,

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. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

I wish to advise the status of Side A remains the same, with building works outstanding. A supply in building materials required to finish the works in Side A has caused the delay operationalising the service. Contractors for the project have advised that these works will be complete in Q3 2022.

When services move into Side A, the day care services will then re-open in Side B. Both Respite and short stay services are provided in the current bed compliment in Abbeyleix and will remain operational post the move into Side A.



I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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