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**PQ 41324/22\*To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of the new outpatient block in Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Connolly**

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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.

A planning permission application was lodged with Galway City Council for a proposed new Outpatients Department (OPD) and Adult Cystic Fibrosis OPD in August 2021, and planning permission was granted at the end of October 2021.

The development includes a two-storey OPD and an adjacent separate single storey Adult Cystic Fibrosis OPD (i.e. two separate buildings), 88 parking spaces, bicycle parking, footpaths, lighting, associated signage and landscaping.

The procurement process to appoint a building contractor for the OPD project is underway. The Adult Cystic Fibrosis OPD is being advanced separately as this is a co-funded project.

It is anticipated, subject to securing requisite approvals, construction is due to commence on site shortly and should be complete by the end of 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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