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Mick Barry, TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

PQ ref 30773/22: To ask the Minister for Health when the new eating disorder unit at Mount Carmel will be opened; the reason for the delay;

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The construction works at Mount Carmel Eating Disorder unit have commenced. I am advised by HSE Estates that the Contractor has advised a construction completion in Q1 2023. The delay is due to recent current market conditions which lengthened the procurement process and awarding of the construction contract.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Martina Behan

General Manager Mental Health

**Community Healthcare East**