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Leinster House
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**To ask the Minister for Health the plans he has, if any, for the development of a new acute adult mental health unit to replace the existing unit at Roscommon University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter **

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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 the following outlines the position;

The physical infrastructure of the Roscommon Unit has been highlighted for many years by the Mental Health Service with conditions attached to registration on occasion. The most economic and value for money approach is to provide a new purpose built Acute Adult Admission Unit on the University Hospital campus.

The service and service users are in agreement that a new purpose built unit on the University Hospital site is the best option. In the 2023 estimates we have asked for funding for a feasibility study as one of the first steps in progressing delivery of a new unit. The service has also had discussions with the University Hospital management to ensure that our requirements will be an integral part of the planning and developments in the University hospital campus.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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