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PQ 10871/22* To ask the Minister for Health the status of the rebuild and refurbishment of the lakeview unit at Naas General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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.

In order to provide accommodation for patients who are currently being treated in the Lakeview Unit, a new standalone 50-bed Acute Mental Health Unit on the campus of Naas General Hospital is being progressed through the preliminary design stage. The scope of the project in terms of specification and size has increased due to clinical and service need. There is the requirement to ensure compliance with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DEPR) Public Spending Code 'A guide to Evaluation, Planning and Managing Public Investment'. This will require the preparation of a Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) and a Preliminary Business Case by an appointed consultancy company.

As a result, this has revised the previously communicated date for when a planning application was scheduled to be lodged with the local authority

There is currently no planned refurbishment of the existing Lakeview Unit and the plan is to release this area back to Naas General Hospital for their operational purposes following completion of the new Acute Mental Health Unit.

Yours sincerely,

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