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**PQ 11424/22 \* To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a progress update on the new build ward extension at Raheen Community Hospital, County Clare; when the facility will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael McNamara**

Dear Deputy McNamara,

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.

The new ward extension to Raheen Community Hospital which includes the provision of 7 long stay replacement beds, is currently under construction and is due to be completed in early Quarter 2, 2022. Once construction has completed equipping of the ward extension will commence.

It is anticipated that following equipping and the registration of beds by the Health Information & Quality Authority (HIQA) the ward extension will be fully operational by mid-2022.

Yours sincerely,

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