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“To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to progress the endoscopy unit in Bantry General Hospital”

Dear Deputy Cairns

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.

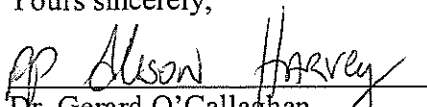
Planning permission for the Endoscopy Unit was granted on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022. However, there is a period of 4 weeks in which someone can appeal this decision.

The next step in the process will be for Planning Reviews to be completed (acceptance of planning conditions and acceptance of detailed design and proceed to tender).

The design team will need to confirm the cost implications (if any) of the planning decision and then complete the details design tender package to ready the project for tender. Once these are ready, the reviews will need to be signed off nationally.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

  
Dr. Gerard O'Callaghan  
Interim Chief Executive Officer