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*** To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for the elective outpatients' department and the 12-bed day ward at University Hospital Waterford (details supplied); the status of the final health planner report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan**

(An elective outpatient's modular build at UHW has been in discussion by estates management for almost a year. In addition, a 12 bed day ward to assist the activity of impending 2nd Cath lab activity is too being discussed. A health planning report is presently underway by a UK consultancy to look at the specific onward development strategic needs this hospital requires.)

Dear Deputy Shanahan,

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

You will be aware that there are two separate proposals for the development of new Outpatient facilities for University Hospital Waterford (UHW) and HSE Estates have confirmed the following:

1. **2-Storey Modular building:** This is in manufacture and is due for delivery to site in early April 2022.
2. **Proposed 2-Storey extension over the existing Outpatient department:** Due to the urgent need for this development the Design has been progressed via Revenue funding. HSE Estates have advised that the project is at full design/pre-tender stage and this proposed project is being submitted for Capital Funding allocation in Q2 2022.

In relation to the bed ward to support the 2nd Cath Lab at UHW, the original approval issued by the Department of Health to the HSE was for a 2nd Cardiac Cath Lab with 12 recovery beds (delivering an additional 6 beds). However, when the submission was being prepared for issue to the National Capital Steering committee, the local UHW Project team requested an increase in the supporting clinical rooms (i.e. echo, pacing & clinical multi-disciplinary team) with a reduction in prep/recovery beds to 3, as there were adequate day/recovery beds available close by in the then 'Ardkeen' ward. It is important to note that the overall footprint of the proposed building is very close to the original size and the change that occurred was to the use of the space. Construction of the 2nd Cath Lab is currently underway and is expected to be operational by October 2022.

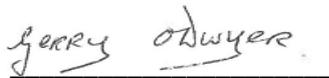
Management at South/ South West Hospital Group (S/SWHG) in conjunction with HSE Estates have commissioned Archus to conduct a health planning process to strategically examine current and future

capacity requirements in a number of hospitals across S/SWHG, having regard to demographic and other demand factors over the next 15 years. The value of this exercise is to align future investment decisions with objective planning and empirical data on demand factors.

The Archus Heath Planners have been on site for the past number of months across three (3) of our hospitals: commencing in University Hospital Waterford, Cork University Hospital and University Hospital Kerry, and have been engaging with both clinical and non-clinical staff to establish the requirements for the continued development of each of the hospitals identified. On finalisation of the Archus Reports, management at each hospital will work with S/SWHG and HSE Estates to make the relevant Capital Submissions for new developments that are required. The final reports are not yet available but are currently being drafted by the Archus Health Planners.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerry O'Dwyer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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