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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the new opening of the new National Forensic Mental Health Service in Portrane; the reasons for the delay in the confirmation of an opening date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Seán Haughey

Dear Deputy Haughey,

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.

No specific date has yet been finalized for the opening of the new Facility in Portrane but we are working on a date in Q3 2022 to open the new facility. The delay in opening the facility is due to remaining issues which have been the subject of a Labour Court hearing and discussions with Unions is on-going.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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