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Deputy Matt Carthy TD

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Re: current capacity of the National Rehabilitation Hospital; the plans, if any, to expand same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carthy,

I refer to the recent representation made on behalf of Ms Doyle who is seeking information regarding their treatment plan in **National Rehabilitation Hospital** which has been referred for direct response.

I have made the necessary enquiries and can advise that the current capacity of the NRH is 120 Inpatient bedrooms (all single ensuite rooms). Plans to expand the NRH are included in the National Capital Plan. Details are outlined below.

National Rehabilitation Hospital – Three Phase Capital Project

The NRH site development comprises three distinct phases. The three-phase project, when finished, will complete the redevelopment of the NRH as outlined below:

Phase One: Phase One of the major Capital Development opened in June 2020 with 120 single ensuite rooms, integrated therapy spaces and aqua therapy pool and sports facilities. The new building links into the existing clinical and non-clinical support services that remain in the original hospital pending completion of Phase two.

The redevelopment is a partnership between the HSE and the NRH. All facilities in the new building are specifically designed to accommodate the needs of those requiring complex specialist rehabilitation services. The design is patient-centred and based on the principles of empowerment, dignity, privacy, confidentiality and choice. The first design of its kind in Ireland, the new hospital complies with best international practice and infection prevention and control guidelines – a vital requirement in minimising the potential for transmission of COVID-19, and to facilitate more effective management of Health Care Acquired Infections (HCAIs).



Phase Two: Relocation of the remaining existing hospital facilities to the new building in order to have a fully functional hospital, minimising the amount of travel needed by patients to move between wards, therapy and ancillary services.

Phase Two provides for the relocation of all existing therapies and support facilities to a new modern development, to serve the new 120 bed hospital. On completion of Phase two the hospital will have optimal efficiency in its operation, and the completion of Phase two will facilitate the demolition of the existing hospital buildings and the development of the further phase(s) to increase the bed and service capacity of the hospital.

Phase Three: Scaling up to a 235 Bed Hospital

Phase Three includes for the completion of the 235 bed hospital in accordance with an NRH updated brief for the long term development of the campus.

It is vital that the development of Phase Two of the development is advanced as quickly as possible, as currently Phase One facilitates only some of the hospital services in the new environment, while other services will remain in the old building until completion of Phase Two. There are increased costs and inefficiencies managing and running the hospital across two sites, therefore it is vital that Phase Two be advanced as speedily as possible.

Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact us.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely



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