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**Re PQ 41937/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a new hospice in Drogheda following the announcement of €1 million in funding in December 2021 to progress the much needed project; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Fergus O'Dowd**

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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 outlined the position as follows.

Further to a previous PQ (No:34939) submitted by you, we advised that Prof O'Brannagáin would provide you with development information and an opportunity for you to raise any subsequent queries that you may have. It is my understanding that this has engagement has continued, most recently on 26th September 2022.

In summary, the proposals for the development of a Palliative Care Unit are underway by a third party with HSE involvement. We are currently at pre-planning stage which as you know is very detailed and specific. As noted in the previous PQ, we will have an update meeting with you prior to the submission of plans.

In the interim please can you continue to link in with Prof O'Brannagáin or Joseph Ruane.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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