



Bernard J. Durkan TD Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 D02 XR20

10th of October 2022

RE: PQ REF 44894/22

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the current position in regard to the long-promised extension of facilities at Naas General Hospital; the extent, if any, to which the originally planned-for facilities have been or are being provided; if particular deficiencies have emerged during the Covid pandemic or thereafter; the extent to which particular shortcomings have been identified, including the adequacy of staffing levels, that are intended to be provided for in the short to medium term; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Durkan,

Single beds with toilet facilities were identified as a critical requirement during the covid 19 pandemic. A 12 single-bedroom ensuite facility is currently under construction and is due to be operational in quarter 1 of 2023.

Staffing has been identified/recruited for the additional beds when the single beds are operational.

Management has continued to prioritise the Endoscopy and Physical Medicines New Building planned and continues to engage with HSE estates on the capital build which is subject to funding but expected to be completed in 2029.

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

Kieran Mc Donald

General Manager