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PQ 45237/22* To ask the Minister for Health the dates of the HSE meetings that have been held from January 2017 to June 2021 to consider major and minor capital submissions for mental health buildings in CHO4. -Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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.

In line with established procedures, all major capital development proposals are submitted to and considered by the HSE's National Capital and Property Steering Committee. Submissions concerning infrastructure or buildings for the provision of mental health services within CHO Area 4, within the time periods noted, were included on the agenda of this Committee as required. The dates of the relevant meetings of the National Capital and Property Steering Committee are noted within the table immediately below.

HSE National Capital and Property Steering Committee Meetings			
01/01/17 to 30/06/21			
2020	2019	2018	2017
3 March	5 March	12 March	11 July
	18 June	31 July	22 August
	18 November	13 November	

In accordance with the HSE Property Protocol, all property transactions require approval of the HSE Property Review Group (PRG). The meetings listed below of the PRG include the dates where CHO Area 4 mental health infrastructure requirements or buildings were included on the agenda.

HSE Property Review Group Meetings			
01/01/17 to 30/06/21			
2020	2019	2018	2017
18 February	19 July	21 February	13 February
19 October	30 July	26 February	17 February
2 November	2 December	12 March	13 April
30 November		3 April	25 April
		7 November	4 December
			19 December

In respect of Minor Capital requests, the process of allocating minor capital funding includes consideration of infrastructural and clinical risk issues. Priority is given to those issues which are central to the safety of patients, service users, staff and the public who occupy or use healthcare facilities. Projects funded through minor capital are progressed in accordance with risk assessments undertaken by appropriate staff. Minor capital investment proposals are addressed locally, outside of the National Capital and Property Steering Committee or the Property Review Group. Minor capital works would typically include upgrades of electrical and water installations, and of critical systems such as those related to medical gases and fire safety.

In this regard, priority infrastructural projects to be progressed through minor capital are submitted by the local maintenance and service managers within each area as part of an ongoing and continuous engagement and as such are not subject to a formal programme of scheduled meetings.

Yours sincerely,



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