Mr Alan Dillon, TD,
Bail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street
Dublin 2
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PQ 18579/23*To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the emergency department expansion and additional bed capacity works at Mayo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Alan Dillon

Dear Deputy Dillon,
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.

Provision has been made in the Capital Plan to progress an extension at ground floor level to the existing emergency department (ED) at Mayo University Hospital. It is proposed that this will provide seven new assessment and treatment spaces in the ED. A new first floor medical assessment unit will also be constructed, which will provide an additional ten assessment spaces for unscheduled care and ancillary services.

A design team has been appointed from the HSE Design Team Framework to progress this project. The Stage 1 design report has been completed and is currently being reviewed. The Stage 1 design work will include consideration of relevant site survey information and a need for a phasing strategy to reconcile future construction with existing clinical activity within this busy hospital. Public Spending Code requirements will need to be satisfied to complete the approval process.

The project is at an early design and planning stage, more detailed information on the timeline will become clearer as the design process progresses.

Yours sincerely,


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