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Seán Canney TD
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Ref: PQ ref 18752/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of high-dependency rooms which will be included in the new community nursing unit being built in Tuam; the application process for patients to access these rooms; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Canney

I refer to PQ 18752/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 18th April 2023 and due for response on the 3rd May in respect of representations that you have made to the Minister for Health regarding the number of high-dependency rooms which will be included in the new CNU being built in Tuam and the application process for patients to access these room. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following outlines the current position.

I have liaised with the Residential Manager and he advised that the final designation of rooms will be subject to registration by HIQA. There is a ten bedded dementia unit included in the new build. Admissions will be determined by clinical assessment. Applications to be placed on the waiting list can submitted to the Director of Nursing in Áras Mhuire, Dublin Road, Tuam.

I trust this response addresses the matter you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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