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**PQ 8747/23\* To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the extension project to the emergency department at Mayo University Hospital; the timeline for the commencement of construction and project completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Rose Conway-Walsh**

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

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 design team progressed the preliminary design (Stage 1) scheme during 2022. This work has taken account of particular issues associated with existing site services. Stage 1 is preliminary design stage which has been concluded. In addition to scheme development, this involved detailed analysis of existing site survey information and development of a phasing strategy to reconcile future construction with the existing clinical activity within this busy hospital. Public Spending Code requirements will need to be satisfied to complete the approval process.

Given the early stage reached in the design and planning of the project it is not possible to provide a project specific timeline at this point.

Yours sincerely,



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