

Ms Verona Murphy, TD, Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2

14th March 2023

PQ 9597/23* To ask the Minister for Health if the Stage 1 preliminary design for the MRI scanner at Wexford General Hospital is now complete; the current timelines that are expected for building completion of the MRI scanner; the current expected date for the MRI to be fully functioning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Verona Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

HSE Capital & Estates appointed a design team in Q3 2022 for the provision of a permanent MRI at the location of the existing temporary MRI at Wexford General Hospital. The preliminary design Stage 1 is completed, the associated report has been received and approved. The design team are progressing with Stages 2A (Scheme Design) and 2B (Acceptance of Statutory Conditions).

It is anticipated works will commence on site in Q4 2023, with an estimated 12 months programme, followed by equipping and commissioning. This work will be co-ordinated with the priority remedial and reinstatement works currently being planned and undertaken in response to the recent fire at Wexford General Hospital.

Yours sincerely,

Paul de Freine

National Director,

Capital & Estates