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**Re: PQ - 1384/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the date for the opening of the 12 stepdown beds in Abbeyleix Hospital, County Laois, for the use of patients who have been discharged from acute hospitals.**

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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.

The 11 beds at Abbeyleix Hospital will open once the remedial works are completed. This is expected to be in Q2 2023. The appointment of the community Consultant Geriatrician along with nursing and support staff is being actively progressed at present.

I trust that the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Joyce', written over a horizontal line.

John Joyce  
General Manager