



Ms Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

9th February 2023

**PQ 2784/23\* To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the future development of Kilcreene Hospital Campus, Kilkenny; if services provided at this hospital will be expanded; if new services will be introduced; if there is a capital plan in place between now and the end of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jennifer Murnane O'Connor**

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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 HSE currently delivers the following wide range of services from the Kilcreene Hospital campus, Kilkenny.

1. Mental Health 21-bed High Support Residential Unit;
2. Ambulance Base and Regional Headquarters;
3. Tusla Residential Unit;
4. Children's Disability Day Services;
5. Orthopaedic Theatres and Wards – University Hospital Waterford;
6. Out-patient Clinic and Physiotherapy Department – University Hospital Waterford;
7. Children Immunisation Unit (temporary location resulting from Covid-19);
8. Office Accommodation;
9. ICT Training Centre

A capital submission is being prepared by Waterford University Hospital for a new extension to the existing Orthopaedic Unit at Kilcreene Hospital. The orthopaedic services at Kilcreene Hospital Campus are under the remit of Waterford University Hospital.



The general potential of the site to accommodate clinical and support services is under consideration however no decision has been made in this regard. Kilcreene Hospital is a well used campus, Capital & Estates will continue to support service colleagues with the expansion of new services as required.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul de Freine', with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

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**Paul de Freine**  
**National Director,**  
**Capital & Estates**