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**PQ 27085/23\* To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth his views on the progress that is being made on his previously stated confirmation in February 2021, as to the development of a modern multidisciplinary centre, inclusive of providing early intervention and respite, for children with additional needs in the Waterford area and as a replacement for a current HSE facility at the Sacret Heart Centre, Lady Lane, Waterford. -Alan Kelly**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The proposed Children's Therapy Services building at St. Otterans, is to facilitate therapy services for children and young adults (0-18years) with complex needs (incl. those receiving services in the Sacred Heart Centre) in Waterford. The works are to be part-funded by Touching Hearts charity (approx. €1M).

The Stage 1 design has been completed by the appointed design team, and this is currently under review in the normal way before progressing to statutory approval and detail design stage, given the scale and expected cost of the proposed development.

Yours sincerely,

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**National Director,**  
**Capital & Estates**

