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Leinster House  
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**PQ 28948/23\* To ask the Minister for Health if a study of a parcel of land to the rear of St. Patrick's Hospital, Cashel, to determine suitability for a community nursing unit has been completed; if not, if a study is due to be carried out; and the details of same.**

**- Martin Browne**

**PQ 28950/23\* To ask the Minister for Health the number of sites that are being considered for the development of a community nursing unit in Cashel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Martin Browne**

Dear Deputy Browne,

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. I propose to answer PQs 28948/23 and 28950/23 together.

HSE Capital & Estates are currently engaging with colleagues in Services for Older Persons in South East Community Healthcare regarding the current and future requirements for the proposed Community Nursing Unit (CNU) in Cashel.

To support development of the CNU, and in line with project guidelines and best practice, Capital & Estates is reviewing all options for the delivery of the proposed CNU accommodation in Cashel. A review of site suitability for the proposed 60 bed CNU at St Patrick's Hospital, is currently underway. This includes the parcel of land to the rear of the hospital. It is anticipated that this exercise will be completed in Q3 2023.

This review will also incorporate examination of an alternative HSE-owned green field site in Cashel to accommodate the planned CNU. At present, this is the only other site being considered. Assessment of the suitability of identified site options will be carried out in conjunction with service colleagues.

The HSE's Capital Plan provides for the development of a new sixty bed Community Nursing Unit in Cashel. Final capital funding requirements will be determined upon completion of the design of the new unit and receipt of tenders in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul de Freine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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