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Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
Dáil Éireann,
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“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 599 of 25 April 2023 and 622 of 16 May 2023, if he will provide a detailed breakdown of the change of scope of works to the Carraig Mór intensive care mental health facility (details supplied: such that a projected cost of €4.5 million in May 2021 had increased to €14 million by May 2023) in Cork ; if these changes involve an increase in bed capacity; if so, by how much; the number of service-users who will be accommodated on site when the building works are complete; if these will include service-users referred for acute admissions as well as long-stay residents; the breakdown of bed capacity for each cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response.

Carraig Mor Centre is a Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) in Shanakiel on the outskirts of Cork city. Referrals to the PICU are received from acute mental health services, the National Forensic Service, and the Prison Service. Registered for 18 beds, it is currently undergoing a refurbishment program which consists of two phases to deliver 18 en-suite single rooms with seclusion facilities, communal space and all ancillary services. Phase 1 of the redevelopment plan in Carraig Mor commenced on 13th February 2023

In relation to your query I can confirm the summary of the phased plan as reflected below:

Key Dates:

- Phase 1: Target Completion and Handover: 25.08.2023
- Phase 2: Target Completion and Handover: 22.04.2024 – Linked to Phase 1 completion.
- Phase 3: Target Completion and Handover: 12.07.2024 – Linked to Phase 1 & 2 completion.

The overall projected costs for the project are in the region of €14 million.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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