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PQ 30366/23* To ask the Minister for Health to outline the full revenue and capital cost of the last community nursing unit built and completed; the date it was opened, the number of beds, the number of staff employed in the unit; the length of time it took from design to completion; the revenue and capital funding allocated each year to the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 most recently completed HSE Community Nursing Unit is located in Ballyshannon, County Donegal. The 80 bed unit will accommodate both residents and patients from the Sheil Hospital and Rock Nursing Unit in a combination of 52 long term care and 28 short term care beds.

As can be seen from the expenditure table below, design commenced in 2015 following the announcement of the overall programme of works to CNU's. Given the complex nature of this project in an existing historic building a period of detailed survey and design was undertaken over 2016, following by the lodgement of a planning application in late 2016. Planning approval was granted in August 2017, followed by the other statutory approvals in September 2017. The building is now substantially complete and the equipping stage progresses. Construction work on the project was delayed for a number of months to the Covid-19 Pandemic.



The capital funding allocated for the project each year are contained in the table below.

Project	2015 (€m)	2016 (€m)	2017 (€m)	2018 (€m)	2019 (€m)	2020 (€m)	2021 (€m)	2022 (€m)	Remaining Project Budget	Total (m)
Ballyshannon Community Nursing Unit	0.16	0.33	0.08	0.31	0.14	4.30	10.41	14.39	6.58	36.70

Please note that the figures for the years 2015-2022 are records of actual expenditure.

Ballyshannon Community Nursing Unit is expected to open in Q4 2023. I am advised by service side colleagues that the staff complement and requirements to operate the new 80-bedded CNU in Ballyshannon are currently being reviewed by HSE Management in conjunction with unions. I am also advised that the revenue funding is to be finalised in conjunction with staffing complement to run the facility.

Yours sincerely,



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