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Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
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“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1154 of 21 March 2023 and 597 of 25 April 2023, if he will provide an update on the formation of the development team, announced by Cork HSE management in May 2022, tasked with conducting an options appraisal for the construction of a new ten-bed mental health rehabilitation/continuing care residential service in Midleton, County Cork; the names of HSE management staff who have been appointed to the team; the dates of any development team meetings held to date or engagements with the local authority; if he will provide details on progress the development team has made on identifying a site for the service over the past thirteen months and on the acquisition of capital funding; if he will provide an update on the timeframe for commencement and completion of this project; 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 for the Minister for Health for a response.

The HSE will provide a new 10-bed rehabilitative residential unit in Midleton town. An initial appraisal of potential sites for a 10 bed unit in Midleton area is to be undertaken and a full appraisal will be completed when the design team is appointed. The Design Team ETender was submitted by the HSE and the deadline for submission of tenders was 26th May 2023. The tenders are being reviewed currently and the successful tenderers will be advised shortly. Once the design team are appointed a full feasibility review of sites will be conducted. The current outline project plan is very ambitious with a goal of commencing building in Quarter 1 2024, with a view to completion of the unit by Q1 2025, followed by a 6-8 week transition period prior to occupation. The development team will be appointed once capital approval is received for the unit.

Our plan for residential mental health services in the East Cork area will ultimately deliver a much better service for people using our services now, and into the future and in line with Government policy.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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