

Ms Patricia Ryan, TD Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2

23rd March 2023

PQ 11889/23\*To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the status of the new build to St. Vincent's Hospital, Athy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Patricia Ryan

Dear Deputy Ryan,

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

An application for planning permission for the proposed new 92 bed Community Nursing Unit at St Vincent's Hospital, Athy was submitted to the local planning authority in Q3 2022. Further information has been requested by Kildare County Council with a deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Engagement with Kildare County Council is ongoing, and it is anticipated that this further information request will be closed out in Q2 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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