



Mr Éamon Ó Cuív, TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

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**PQ 13662/23\*** To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date in providing a new 40-bed community nursing unit in Clifden to replace Clifden Hospital and St. Annes nursing home; when it was originally decided to progress this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Éamon Ó Cuív

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

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.

The provision of a Community Nursing Unit in Clifden was included in the HSE programme to replace and improve 90 Community Nursing Units, which was announced and published in January 2016.

HSE Capital & Estates appointed a design team in 2018 to design new 50 bed Residential Care Centre to amalgamate the District Hospital and St Anne's Community Nursing Unit on the site of St Anne's Community Nursing Unit. A stage 1 report was completed at the end of 2018 and a service review of the project commenced in 2019 but was delayed due to the impact of Covid 19.

A detailed service review was completed in early 2022 which confirmed the service requirement is now for a 40 bed Residential Care Centre in Clifden which will provide 20 long stay, 10 short stay and 10 dementia beds for older people.

The Design Team is developing the design with a view to lodging an application for planning permission as early as possible in 2023.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul de Freine', written in a cursive style.

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