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PQ 13971/23* To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of the design, layout and plans for the footprint of the development at St. Anthony's unit, Clonmel to this Deputy and the Hospital Palliative Care Tipperary Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Lowry

Dear Deputy Lowry,

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 development at St Anthony's unit, Clonmel comprises of a new 50 bed Community Nursing Unit (CNU) providing residential care facilities for older people. The CNU is designed to provide residents with a comfortable and familiar environment similar to their own home. The fifty beds are split into two twenty-five bed households within a two-storey development. The bedrooms are arranged around a central landscaped courtyard with areas of single sided corridors to provide natural light and views into the households. Break out areas are included off the corridors to provide an area for resting along the route and to encourage movement around the building with opportunities for socialising with others.

The CNU contains communal facilities such as the hairdresser's room, reflection room and treatment room, as well as support accommodation including the laundry, staff facilities, changing rooms, offices and stores. There is a service yard and waste marshalling compound to support the CNU.

These shared spaces will be located in a central area separate from but connected to the households. The family overnight stay and visitor room accommodation will be easily accessible from each of the two twenty five households. The family overnight room will offer families a quiet and peaceful space away from the activity of the households.

The family overnight stay room will provide accommodation for a small number of people and include a pull-out bed, a small kitchenette and a shower-room en-suite. The visitor room will be a sitting room where family and friends can sit with residents outside the household. It can also be used for confidential meetings with doctors, solicitors and others.

Copies of the floor plans are attached as requested. There is no provision for a dedicated palliative care unit in the CNU.

In December 2022, the contract was awarded and construction commenced on site on the new Community Nursing Unit to replace St Anthony's Unit, Clonmel via Private Public Partnership. The current expected completion date is Q4, 2024.

Yours sincerely,



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