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Deputy Neasa Hourigan, Dáil Éireann, Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health the amount of capital funding applied for by Cork HSE management in respect of the development of a ten-bed residential mental health service in Midleton, County Cork; the date this capital funding was applied for and for the managers making this application and the managers deciding on the proposals; if he will provide details of the level of communication that has taken place thus far on this proposal between HSE management and with any other stakeholders; 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 also 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. Design Team ETender has been submitted by the HSE and the deadline for submission of tenders was 26th May 2023. The tenders are being reviewed currently and the successful A full feasibility review of sites will follow the appointment of the design team. 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.

The estimated project cost is €9- €15 million and capital funding was applied for in August 2022 through the appropriate HSE Esates processes.

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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