

Ms Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, TD, Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2

7th June 2023

PQ 24335/23\* To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date regarding the provision of an ambulance base in Carlow; the date on which the National Ambulance Service requested HSE estates to refurbish the existing building there as an ambulance base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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.

A building assessment report was completed in March 2022 which, recommended improvement works were required at the ambulance base located at St Dympna's Hospital, Carlow.

Works have commenced on the upgrade of the existing ambulance base. These works include the provision of interim modular accommodation along with an upgrade of existing facilities adjacent to the current base of the National Ambulance Service in Carlow.

These works have been prioritized, are progressing well and expected to be completed in Q3 2023.

Additionally, Capital and Estates in conjunction with the National Ambulance Service, are seeking to initiate a project for a new ambulance base in Carlow to support longer term service delivery on a site at the Kelvin Grove campus.

Yours sincerely,

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