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PQ 42452/23* To ask the Minister for Health if will provide an update on the current status of the application for a new 97-bed ward block at Wexford General Hospital; if the updated public spending code will expedite delivery of the capital project proposal at Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Verona Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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. Due to the recent industrial action by management and administrative grade staff in Forsa union in the HSE, there were delays in the processing and answering of Parliamentary Questions. We apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused.

The project to develop a new 97 bed ward block at Wexford General Hospital is included in the Capital Plan, and funding has been allocated this year to progress it. A design team was appointed in September 2022. The application for planning permission was submitted on 19th December 2023, with the Final Grant of Planning due to issue on 1st March 2024.

This is noted to be a priority project for the Ireland East Hospital Group and for Wexford General Hospital.



A pre-planning meeting was held with representatives of the local authority. Additional surveys (Environmental screening and traffic impact assessment) are to be prepared with a view to 'future proofing' the site for future development.

A Preliminary Business Case is near completion in respect of the proposed development, in line with the requirements of the Public Spending Code, with a view to early confirmation of 'approval in principle', and thereafter to progress the project, subject to funding, prioritisation, and statutory approvals.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the name.

Brian O'Connell
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