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**PQ 39242/23\*To ask the Minister for Health the progress on the refurbishment in Mount Carmel including any additional costs; the reasons for the delay in opening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward**

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

Following discussions between the Department of Health and your office we understand the project referred to in this Parliamentary Question is the Eating Disorders Unit at Mount Carmel Hospital.

In addition to the adult eating disorder unit which is being developed at Mount Carmel Hospital, it was decided to develop a separate child and adolescent mental health service (CAMHS) eating disorder unit, within the footprint of the existing building. The cost of this additional scope of work, together with additional project costs encountered to the adult unit has increased the total project budget to €4.59m. Settlement of the final account will be achieved when the project is complete and operational.



The design of the CAMHS unit is finalised with works now underway on the site. Due to the inclusion of the CAMHS element and the additional construction work required, it is anticipated that construction will now complete late Q4, 2023, by which time the Service will be in a position to confirm a commencement date for operation of the facility.

Yours sincerely,

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

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**Paul de Freine**  
**National Director**  
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