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Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ re 40721/23

“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1154 of 21 March 2023, 597 of 25 April 2023 and 703 of 27 June 2023, if he will provide an update on the formation of the development team, announced by Cork HSE management in May 2022, tasked with conducting an options appraisal for the construction of a new ten-bed mental health rehabilitation/continuing care residential service in Midleton, County Cork; the names of HSE management staff who have been appointed to the team; the dates of any development team meetings held to date or engagements with the local authority; the details on the progress the development team has made on identifying a site for the service over the past fifteen months and on the acquisition of capital funding; to provide an update on the timeframe for the commencement and completion of this project; 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.

An initial appraisal of potential sites for a 10 bed unit in Midleton area is being undertaken and a full appraisal is being completed by the design team. The full design team is now in place and this is comprised of an architect, civil engineer, mechanical and electrical engineer, quality surveyor, health and safety, and enhanced energy design. 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.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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