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PQ 15380/24*To ask the Minister for Health the present status of HSE estates development of business case and associated tender developments with respect to new operating theatre in Kilcreene, County Kilkenny to support the Waterford and South East orthopedic activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan

PQ 15381/24* To ask the Minister for Health to provide contract timelines for the build and development of the new operating theatre in Kilcreene, County Kilkenny to service outreach, orthopaedic surgery from UHW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan

Dear Deputy Smith,

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.

I propose to address both Parliamentary Questions in this response.

It is the intention of the HSE to procure the services of a design team for a proposed new additional operating theatre in Kilcreene Hospital, Kilcreene. Co. Kilkenny in Q2 2024.

Capital & Estates are currently liaising with University Hospital Waterford on finalizing a revised project brief prior to the procurement of a design team.

It will be possible to give a more definitive timeframe for this project when the preliminary design stage for this project is complete.



In parallel to the provision of a proposed theatre in Kilcreene Hospital, works are also progressing on a surgical hub which includes for additional theatre capacity at University Hospital Waterford.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Brian O'Connell
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