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Mr. Brendan Howlin,
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PQ 9426/24*To ask the Minister for Health if a capital allocation to construct the new 97-bed block at Wexford General Hospital, which has full planning permission, is included in this year's capital programme for the HSE; when he expects construction to begin on this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Howlin

Dear Deputy Howlin,

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 response.

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 this project. The decision of Final Grant of Planning Permission was issued on 6th March 2024.

The HSE intend to commence detailed design to progress this project on site as expediently as possible.

Yours sincerely

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