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Mr Martin Browne, TD,
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PQ 29399/24*To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the progress made in assessing the suitability of the Palmershill site in Cashel, County Tipperary for the proposed community nursing unit; the cost of preparations for the overall project, including all site assessments and architectural services, to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Martin Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

As previously communicated, the HSE own lands located at Palmers Hill and engaged an architectural consultancy firm to progress the option of developing the new Community Nursing Unit for Older Persons on the site. A process of discussions with the local authority has followed, including considerations relating to access for the site, the possible requirement for some additional land in its vicinity and the current zoning of the location.

It is the intention of the HSE to make a submission as part of the upcoming review of the Local Authorities Development Plan for Cashel, later this year. The local authority has advised that the review process will commence in Q4 2024, and they are not accepting submissions in advance of this timeframe.



It is estimated that the total cost in accessing the suitability of the site will be under €10,000. This exercise is a necessary part of the site appraisal for a project of this nature. The HSE is also examining other sites in the Cashel locality, as part of an overall option appraisal for the project.

The HSE remains committed to the development of a new 60-bed Community Nursing Unit for Older Persons in Cashel as part of the HSE's Capital Plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell".

Brian O'Connell
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