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***PQ 25793/24 - To ask the Minister for Health when the minor injury clinic will be operational in Carlow; the location and operating hours of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jennifer Murnane O'Connor***

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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.

In 2023, a National Injury Unit Review was undertaken by a HSE Working Group who undertook a review of the existing Injury Units and made a series of recommendations to improve the service from Injury Units nationally, including a recommendation to increase the number of injury units to meet growing demand.

An Implementation Group was established in January 2024 to progress the standardisation of existing units, and to develop the Injury Unit Expansion Programme to provide more equitable access for the population to Injury Units nationally. The work of this group is ongoing and has included carrying out geospatial and population analysis alongside consideration of catchments for existing units to ensure the newly recommended units are appropriately located. The Implementation Group continue to complete detailed assessment of sites/suitable accommodation for same and provide costings and timelines to the Department of Health.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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