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PQ Reference Number 12854/24 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the progress of the new build for children's services in Carlow shared between a specialist pre-school (details supplied) and Carlow CDNT; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the position as outlined in my letter to you last month remains current.

The HSE is committed to providing a new Children's Services Facility in Carlow as outlined in your question. A funding allocation of approximately €7.1M was identified for this project, and a design team was engaged and proceeded with the design process last year.

The stage 1 report from the design team in December 2023 estimated that the cost of the project would significantly exceed the funding allocation. HSE Disability Services and HSE Estates, are arranging stakeholder engagement to review the project and to provide a revised scheme of works for funding approval.

A revised scope of works is expected to be completed in the next few months.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ciarán Ruane', written over a horizontal line.

Ciarán Ruane
Estates Manager
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