

21st May 2024

Mr Matt Shanahan TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 21661- To ask the Minister for Health how a new cardiac day ward at University Hospital Waterford is proposed to be delivered (details supplied), where it will be located, where the project plan exists on a capital/estates project list, the stage recruitment is at and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: *The minister would be aware of the long running commitment to provide a dedicated cardiac day ward at UHW to allow it better schedule the elective and emergency activity generated by two cath labs working at the hospital. The minister would understand that this bed complement and associated nursing staff needs to be a dedicated permanent service as opposed to an ad-hoc and temporary utilisation of day ward beds that come available. Can the minister outline how this new cardiac day ward is proposed to be delivered, where it will be located, where does this project plan exist on a capital/estates project list and at what stage of advancement is it recorded*

Dear Deputy Shanahan

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 have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that discussions are ongoing with colleagues in National Estates regarding a proposed extension to the Outpatient Department at University Hospital Waterford to provide a dedicated Cardiac Day Ward at UHW. In the meantime, activity is currently accommodated in UHW's Day Ward.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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